

DECEMBER

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We light two purple candles.

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ST. NICHOLAS' EVE

First of the Midwinter gift bearers wends his way through the night.

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ST. NICHOLAS' DAY

St. Nicholas is sacred to Greece and Puglia & many other places.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We light two purple candles and one rose candle on this joyful Advent day known as Gaudete Sunday.

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OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Sacred to Mexico and Latin America.

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SANTA LUCIA'S DAY

Sacred to Italy and Sweden. Lucia, whose name means *light*, is another Midwinter gift bearer.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT;

CHANUKAH BEGINS AT SUNSET

The eight night Festival of Lights begins, and Christmastime is near: we light three purple candles and one rose candle. Our circle of Advent light is complete.



Two sides of the gift bearers of Christmas

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MIDWINTER SOLSTICE

4:47 PM IN LAKE WORTH

It's the longest night of the year in the Northern Hemisphere.

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CHRISTMAS EVE

With the day's setting sun, we enter into Christmastide.

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CHRISTMAS DAY

A day outside ordinary time, with Twelve Days of Yuletide festivity to come.

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ST. STEPHEN'S DAY; BOXING DAY;

KWANZAA BEGINS

Unity, self-determination, cooperation, purpose, creativity, faith.

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NEW YEAR'S EVE

The old year passes and a new year begins.



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Christmas mysteries: Midwinter gift bearers pay their visits. Here are Christ the King accompanied by the masked and hunchbacked Knecht Ruprecht in *Weihnachtsbescherung (Christmas Presents)* by Nikolaus Hoffmann. Oil on canvas, circa 1760. Convivio Book of Days December 2022