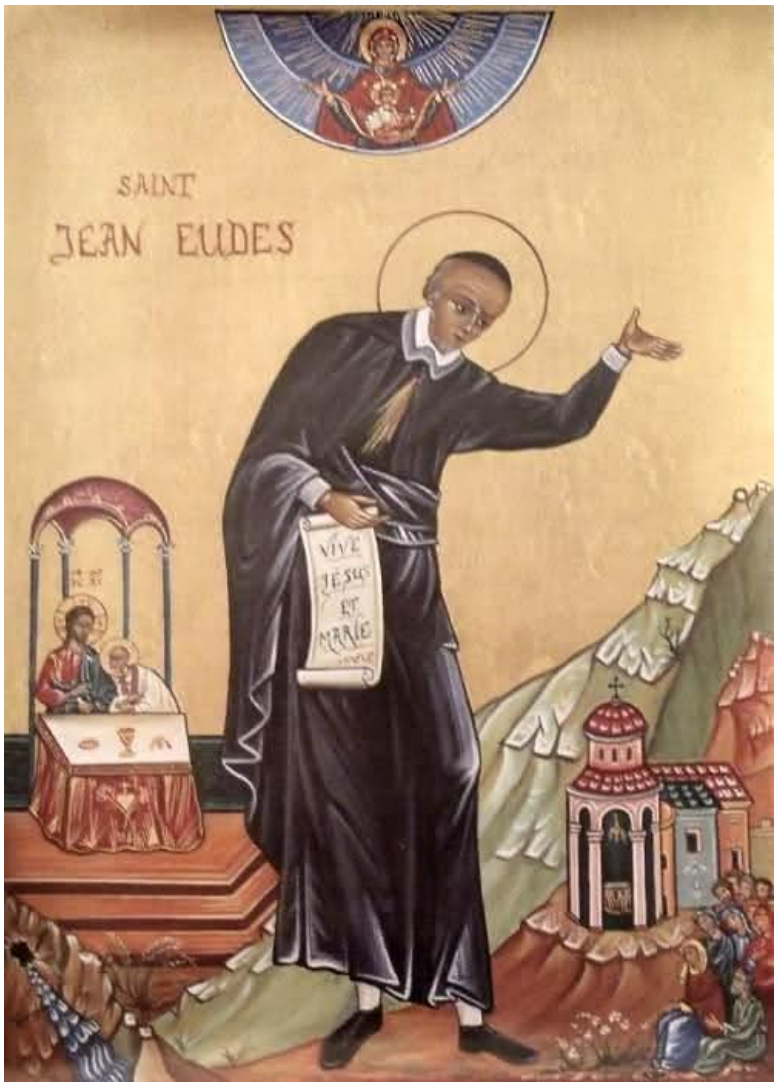
LIVING ADVENT
WITH SAINT JOHN EUDES

29 NOVEMBER - 25 DECEMBER 2026



Prayers for Advent, Year B

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For Saint John Eudes, Advent is:
• a time of hope that transforms our expectations;
• a time of renewed longing for God;
• a time of inner preparation, learning from Mary;
• a time of conversion, when we let God enlarge our hearts.

Saint John Eudes' recommendation for the first week of Advent

"Among us, the first week of Advent should be devoted to honoring our Lord Jesus Christ as sovereign judge, in his divine justice and in all his judgments." (OC III, p. 452)

"We should devote the second week of Advent, which we are now entering, to honoring the ineffable mystery of the Incarnation, through which the Son of God, coming forth from the adorable bosom of his Father out of an incomprehensible love for us, and entering the blessed womb of his most precious Mother, became man to make us gods; became the Son of Man to make us children of God. We are bound to follow Jesus if we wish to have a share with him." (OC III, p. 453)

“We should devote the third week of Advent, which we are now entering, to honoring the dwelling, the life, and the divine activities of Jesus Christ in Mary during the nine months he remained in her sacred womb; and also Mary’s wholly heavenly life in Jesus during that time, when she was entirely enraptured and absorbed in him. She lived more in him than in herself, and had but one soul, one spirit, one heart, and one life with him.” (OC III, p. 454)

For the fourth week

“The time remaining until Christmas should be devoted to preparing ourselves for this great feast.” (OC III, p. 455)



Week of November 29 to December 5, 2026

Sunday, November 29

“God is faithful, he who called you to live in communion with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” (1 Co 1, 9)

> “God speaks little… he has only one word on his lips… with this one word he truly and faithfully fulfills all his promises, and does everything he has promised.”
>
> *Saint John Eudes · OC IV, pp. 166-167*

Monday, November 30

“It is with the heart that one believes and becomes righteous; it is with the mouth that one professes faith and attains salvation.” (Rm 10, 10)

> “Faith… is the knowledge of salvation, the knowledge of the saints, the knowledge of God, which Jesus Christ drew from the bosom of his Father and brought to us on earth, to dispel our darkness and enlighten our hearts.”
>
> *Saint John Eudes · OC I, p. 168*

Tuesday, December 1

“A shoot will spring from the stump of Jesse, David’s father; a branch will grow from his roots. The spirit of the Lord will rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and discernment, a spirit of counsel and strength, a spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord.” (Is 11, 1-2)

> “Let us adore and contemplate all the perfections of the divine Essence, living and reigning in the Heart of Jesus: that is, God’s Eternity, God’s Immensity, Love, Charity, Justice, Mercy, Power, Strength, Immortality, Wisdom, Goodness, Glory, Bliss, Patience, Holiness, and all the others.”
>
> *Saint John Eudes · OC VIII, p. 335*

Wednesday, December 2

“And on that day they will say: “Here is our God; in him we hoped, and he has saved us. This is the Lord; in him we hoped. Let us exult and rejoice: he has saved us!”” (Isaïe 25, 9)

> “The salvation of souls is the end and purpose of all the designs and all the works of God’s power, wisdom, and goodness… This, then, is the great work of his divine Majesty. It is also the great work of the God-Man, Jesus Christ our Lord.”
>
> *Saint John Eudes · OC IV, pp. 168-169*

Thursday, December 3

“Rely on the Lord forever, on him, the Lord, the eternal Rock!” (Is 26, 4)

> “Humility is the mother of trust… so that we may withdraw into Jesus as into our paradise, where we will find everything we lack in ourselves; and so that we may rely on him and trust in him… to be our all.”
>
> *Saint John Eudes · OC I, p. 234*

Friday, December 4

“Thus says the Lord God: From now on Jacob will no longer be ashamed… those whose spirits have strayed will discover understanding, and the rebellious will accept instruction.” (Is 29, 17-22-24)

> “Let us be grateful for the very great grace God has given us by sending his Son into this world to teach us himself the way to heaven.”
>
> *Saint John Eudes · MP*

Saturday, December 5

“People of Zion, you who dwell in Jerusalem, you will weep no more. At the sound of your cry, the Lord will show you grace. As soon as he hears you, he will answer you. The Lord will give you bread in distress and water in trial… Your teacher will no longer hide, and your eyes will see him.” (Is 30, 19-20)

> “O Christian charity, I give myself to you. Destroy in me all that is contrary to you, and establish your kingdom in my heart and in the hearts of all Christians.”
>
> *Saint John Eudes · OC I, p. 160*

Week of December 6 to 12, 2026

Sunday, December 6

“After me comes one who is mightier than I; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you in the Holy Spirit.” (Mc 1, 8)

> “The Holy Spirit has been given to us to be the spirit of our spirit, the heart of our heart, and the soul of our soul.”
>
> *Saint John Eudes · OC II, p. 172*

Monday, December 7

“Those whom the Lord has set free return; they enter Zion with joyful cries, crowned with everlasting joy. Gladness and joy will meet them; sorrow and lament will flee.” (Isaïe 35, 10)

> “Ah, Lord my God, how wonderful is your love for me! You seek my friendship as insistently as though your happiness depended on it! What shall I do, Lord? How shall I answer all these voices by which you invite me to love you?”
>
> *Saint John Eudes · OC I, p. 399*

Tuesday, December 8 · Immaculate Conception

“The angel came to her and said: “Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you.” Then Mary said: “Here is the servant of the Lord; may everything happen to me according to your word.”” (Lc 1, 38)

> “O holy Virgin, Mother of God, Wonder of heaven and earth… O Mother of grace and mercy, I choose you as Mother of my soul, in honor of God’s own choice of you as his Mother. O holy Virgin, regard me as belonging to you, and in your goodness treat me as the object of your mercies.”
>
> *Saint John Eudes · OC I, p. 148*

Wednesday, December 9

"Come to me, all of you who struggle under the weight of your burden, and I will give you rest." (Mt 11, 28)



"Come to the most lovable Heart of Jesus; it is an abyss of gentleness, kindness, and mercy. It is the refuge of the afflicted, the treasure of the poor, the remedy of the sick, the consolation of the desolate, and the rest of all who labor and are burdened."

Saint John Eudes · Le Cœur admirable

Thursday, December 10

"My God, my king, I will exalt you and bless your name forever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever." (Ps 145, 1-2)

"May everything that has been, is, and will be in me be transformed into continual and eternal adoration, praise, and love for you."

Saint John Eudes · OC I, pp. 438-439

Friday, December 11

"I am the Lord your God; I guide you along the way you walk." (Is 48, 17)

"We must be animated by the spirit of Jesus, live by his life, and walk in his ways."

Saint John Eudes · OC I, p. 161

Saturday, December 12

"Blessed are those who will see you; blessed are those who have fallen asleep in love. We too will possess true life." (Si 48, 11)

"Those who unite themselves with this love do not die, for the life of Jesus remains in them and gives them a share in his resurrection."

Saint John Eudes · OC I

Week of December 13 to 19, 2026

Sunday, December 13

“Brothers and sisters, always be joyful, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in every circumstance.” (1 Th 5, 16-18)

> “The Kingdom of Jesus is a kingdom of joy, peace, and love. The more a soul gives itself to Jesus, the more it is filled with his holy joy.”
>
> *Saint John Eudes · OC I*

Monday, December 14

“Lord, teach me your ways. Make your path known to me. Guide me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me.” (Ps 25, 4-5)

> “Say often to the Lord: Teach me your ways, lead me in your truth, and make me walk according to your good pleasure.”
>
> *Saint John Eudes · Manuel de piété*

Tuesday, December 15

“I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise will be always on my lips. I will glory in the Lord; let the poor hear me and rejoice!” (Ps 34, 2-3)

> “Let Jesus be your glory, your joy, your all; glory in him alone, like the truly poor in heart who find their only happiness in God.”
>
> *Saint John Eudes · OC I*

Wednesday, December 16

“Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth, for I am God and there is no other.” (Is 45, 22)

> “Jesus must be the sole object of our mind and our heart. We must see and love all things in him, and in all things we must see and love only him.”
>
> *Saint John Eudes · OC I*

Thursday, December 17

"Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ." (Mt 1, 16)

"O good Jesus, I adore you, I love you, and I glorify you in all that you are, and in all that you have done and will yet do in the state of your Holy Childhood…"

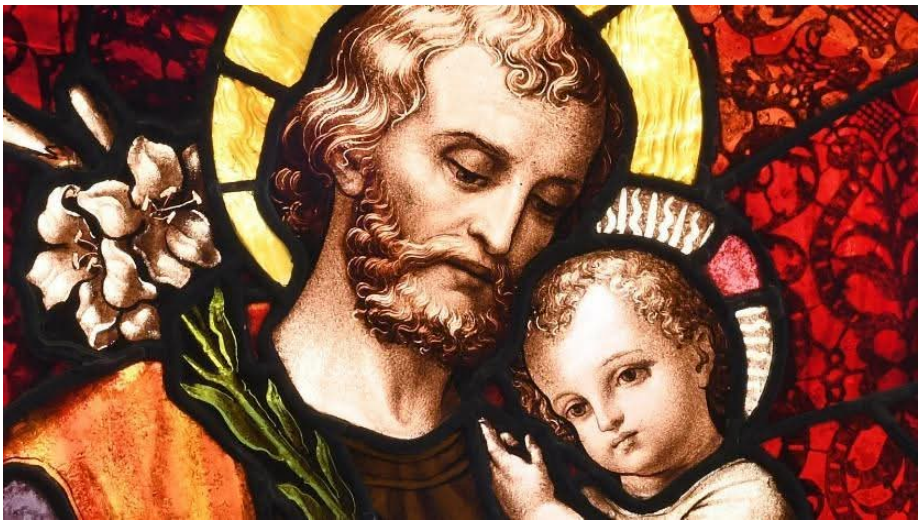
Saint John Eudes · OC I, p. 335

Friday, December 18

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary, your wife, into your home, for what has been conceived in her comes from the Holy Spirit." (Mt 1, 20)

"… After God, Saint Joseph is the foremost object of his most holy spouse's love, and he holds the first place in her heart…"

Saint John Eudes · OC VIII, p. 364



Saturday, December 19

"In you, Lord, I take refuge; keep me from being humiliated forever. In your justice, defend me, free me, incline your ear toward me, and save me." (Ps 70)

"What does God promise us in this life? He promises us that, if we live in fear of him, he will preserve us from every kind of evil…"

Saint John Eudes · OC VIII, p. 95



Week of December 20 to 25, 2026

Sunday, December 20

"Then Mary said: Here is the servant of the Lord; may everything happen to me according to your word." (Lc 1, 38)

> "The second wonder Saint Bernardine shows us in the sacred Heart of the Mother of God is the consent this divine Heart gave to the mystery of the Incarnation."
>
> *Saint John Eudes · OC VIII, p. 276*

Monday, December 21

"How have I been granted this happiness, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Lc 1, 43)

> "We must behold and adore her Son in her, and behold and adore only him in her."
>
> *Saint John Eudes · OC I, p. 338*

Tuesday, December 22

"The Mighty One has done wonders for me; holy is his name!" (Lc 1, 49)

> "Let us remember that the eternal Father, in giving us his Son, has given us all things with him... Therefore we can and must use them for the glory of the one who gave them to us."
>
> *Saint John Eudes · OC VIII-17*

Wednesday, December 23

"Lord, teach me your ways; make your path known to me. Guide me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me." (Ps 25(24), 4-5)

> "At every hour, occasions arise to renounce our own will in order to submit to God's will."
>
> *Saint John Eudes · OC I-245*

Thursday, December 24

"I sing the Lord's love without end; I proclaim your faithfulness from age to age. I declare: this is a love established forever; your faithfulness is more enduring than the heavens." (Ps 89(88), 2-3)

"God was pleased, in an outpouring of incomparable love, to bind himself to humanity through the Contract of Baptism… He gave himself to you with his Son and his Holy Spirit, and came to make his dwelling in your heart. And from that time onward, his fatherly eyes have always been fixed upon you."

Saint John Eudes · O.C. II, pp. 212-213

Friday, December 25 · Mass during the Night

"Today, in the city of David, a savior has been born for you, who is Christ the Lord." (Lc 2, 11)

"O Jesus, you are all love and gentleness at the moment of your birth and in the state of your holy childhood. May I love you, then, at this moment and in this state. O most lovable child, you are born out of love, in love, and for love."

Saint John Eudes · OC I-405

December 25 · Mass during the Day

"The Word was the true light, which enlightens everyone as it comes into the world… to all who received him, he gave the power to become children of God." (Jn 1, 9-10)

"You were a child of the devil, and you become a child of God. You were an heir of the prince of hell, and you are declared an heir of the King of heaven and a coheir of his only Son. These, my dear brother, are the effects of the Contract you made with God in your Baptism."

Saint John Eudes · OC II-212

