

An Environmental Advent Calendar for December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3 Read this short reflection on living simply and Catholic social teaching: http://bit.ly/2xjOMPC</p>	<p>4 <u>Don't buy wrapping paper.</u> Reuse old wrapping paper or put your gifts in reusable bags or boxes. Be creative about giving old materials new life.</p>	<p>5 At night, set your thermostat to 63 degrees.</p> 	<p>6 Today is the Feast of St. Nicholas, the 4th century bishop known for his abundant generosity to the poor.</p>	<p>7 We remember those who died in 1941 in Pearl Harbor. Pray for the victims of all wars, and for the fullness of God's peace to come into our world.</p>	<p>8 <u>Immaculate Conception of Mary</u> <i>Mary is more blessed in receiving the faith of Christ, than in conceiving the flesh of Christ.</i> - St. Augustine</p>	<p>9 Explore a new park or trail today.</p> 
<p>10 <u>Green your holiday trip.</u> Look into green options. BetterWorldTravel.com & NativeEnergy.com can help offset carbon emissions from your travel.</p>	<p>11 <u>Give the gift of a better world.</u> Donate in honor of a loved one. Choose a cause that addresses an issue that you and your loved ones care about.</p>	<p>12 <i>On this Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, let us entrust the life of our peoples and the continental mission of the church to her.</i> - Pope Francis</p>	<p>13 <u>Send tree-free holiday cards.</u> Go to National Green Pages (greenpages.org) for cards made from hemp & tree-free resources. Or send e-cards!</p>	<p>14 Take joy and your love for God to someone who may be lonely. Bake your favorite recipe for a neighbor or friend who lives alone.</p>	<p>15 <u>Hold a zero-waste holiday party.</u> Use durable dishes, fabric tablecloths & napkins. Recycle post-party cans & bottles and compost food scraps.</p>	<p>16 Give compost bins as gifts for your loved ones. Buy one for yourself also!</p> 
<p>17 <i>Happy Birthday, Pope Francis!</i></p> 	<p>18 <u>Gifts from the heart.</u> Give the gift of your time and talent to loved ones. Make dinner, walk the dog, help with gardening or home repairs.</p>	<p>19 In these darks days, be sure to turn off the lights when you leave a room.</p> 	<p>20 <u>Consider the life-cycle of electronics.</u> Their manufacturing and disposal creates human health & environmental hazards. Learn more: svtc.org</p>	<p>21 Today is the Winter Solstice, the longest night of the year. Remember that Advent is about waiting in the uncertainty of darkness.</p>	<p>22 Go for a walk to see your neighbors' Christmas lights.</p> 	<p>23 Discuss with friends the article "Living Simply to Simply Live, and Let Others Live". http://bit.ly/2xjRkxa</p>
<p>24 <u>Recycle packaging from gifts,</u> like cardboard packaging & peanuts and Styrofoam packing. They won't break down in a landfill but can be re-used.</p>	<p><i>These tips have come from a number of sources, including the GreenAmerica.org, the Catholic Climate Covenant, Catholic Relief Services, Green Action Centre, Interfaith Power and Light and the US Conference of Catholic Bishops.</i></p> <p>Have a Blessed and Merry Christmas! <i>Sponsored by the St. James Cathedral Care for Creation Committee</i></p>					