





# 2018-2019 Christmas Calendar

DAY	SCRIPTURE	REFLECTION	PRAYER	ACTION
 <p><b>December 25:</b> <i>Nativity of the Lord</i></p>	<p>“The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him.” (Jn 1:5)</p>	<p>Rejoice! The Light of God is born in Jesus. Take a moment at dawn and dusk to feel and celebrate the ancient light of the sun and stars that shines on all of Creation throughout time.</p>	<p>Dear God, we give thanks for your incarnation in Jesus, Light of the world. May the Sun’s rays of light be a daily encounter with you, that we may feel the warmth of your embrace which brings us into communion with the whole universe.</p>	<p>Reflect on how you might be a light in the darkness and bring hope to solve the climate crisis.</p>
 <p><b>January 1:</b> <i>Solemnity of Mary and World Day of Peace</i></p>	<p>“The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen.” (Lk 2:20)</p>	<p>Today let us hear the praise and glory for God that comes from the world’s vast ecosystems. Spend time today discovering your local bio-home and share with another person what you learned.</p>	<p>Dear God, you have blessed humanity with the capacity to act for justice and live compassionately on the earth. May we have the courage to speak out for the protection and respect of every living thing now and for generations to come.</p>	<p>Renew your commitment to pray, live simply, and take action for creation through the Laudato Si Pledge (<a href="http://LiveLaudatoSi.org">LiveLaudatoSi.org</a>) and identify concrete ways you will live simply and advocate for change in the coming year.</p>
 <p><b>January 6:</b> <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i></p>	<p>“They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.” (Mt 2:9)</p>	<p>The earth is our common home with all of creation. For a few minutes today, step out of your house and into our common home and feel our interconnectedness. What do you see that fills you with joy?</p>	<p>Dear God, we marvel with wonder and awe at the tapestry of life interlocked and woven that you have created. May we grow in understanding and consciousness that our communion with you includes our relationship with all the Earth.</p>	<p>See how you might live more sustainably this week. See ideas on (<a href="http://LivingTheChange.net">LivingTheChange.net</a>)</p>
 <p><b>January 13:</b> <i>Baptism of the Lord</i></p>	<p>“After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.” (Lk 3:21)</p>	<p>Our baptism connects us intimately with the sacred power and properties of water that heal, cleanse, renew, purify and sustain all life. Spend time today with this most essential source of life and discover anew God flowing in and through you.</p>	<p>Dear God, today we remember our baptism as a sign of your covenant with us. Let us imagine that sacrament of baptism with all of Creation is continually renewed wherever a river flows, the dew falls, the tides move, and a basin teems with life.</p>	<p>How might we live our baptismal call to be “priest, prophet, and king” by advocating for renewable energy in our local community?</p> <p>Make one call--to a local government, your pastor or Bishops, --to ask them to put in place a plan to reduce our carbon footprint.</p>