

















**Missionary
Childhood
Association**



Advent through Epiphany 2017-18

If you did not receive a mission bank in school or church, make one from a shoe box or any empty container!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3 Create a family Advent Wreath. Use the MCA Prayer Service and light the first candle on the wreath. <i>Watch!</i></p> 	<p>4 Yesterday was the Feast of St. Francis Xavier, Patron of the Missions. Pray for all children in the missions </p>	<p>5 Mission children are often hungry. Make a sacrifice in your mission bank for every meal you eat today.</p>	<p>6 Set up a manger scene in a prominent place in your house. </p>	<p>7 Students in the missions may walk miles to school. Make a sacrifice for every mile <i>you</i> travel to school today.</p>	<p>8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception—go to Mass as a family! </p>	<p>9 Today is the Feast of St. Juan Diego. Pray for his help so that everyone you meet sees Jesus & Mary in you as they did in him!</p>
<p>10 Use the MCA Prayer Service and light two candles on your Advent Wreath. <i>Prepare!</i></p> 	<p>11 Make a point to hug everyone in your family today. Pray for a child in the missions who may feel unloved.</p>	<p>12 Plan a small dinner-pancakes & sliced apples. Put the \$ you'd spend on a regular meal in your mission</p>	<p>13 In India, some children don't go to school, but work to support their families. Today, pray for working children in the missions</p>	<p>14 Memorial of St. John of the Cross who grew up in an orphanage. Give up a treat today for mission children in orphanages.</p>	<p>15 In Haiti, children don't have regular medical check ups. Today, pray for the health of all children.</p>	<p>16 Forgive someone who has hurt you. Plan time for your family to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas.</p>
<p>17 Use the MCA Prayer Service and light 3 candles on your Advent Wreath. <i>Make Straight!</i></p> 	<p>18 In Papua New Guinea students have religious ed. class outside. Make an MCA gift today for every classroom you enter.</p>	<p>19 When you stand in line in class today, pray for the person behind you and in front of you. They count on your prayers too!</p>	<p>20 Learn about Mexican Posadas, the tradition marking Mary and Joseph's journey to find shelter before Jesus' birth</p>	<p>21 Make Christmas cards for your priest or Eucharistic Ministers to take to your parish's sick or homebound. Pray for them too!</p>	<p>22 Clean water isn't always nearby in the missions. Put a donation in your Mite box for every faucet in your house. </p>	<p>23 Spend the day in service-does an elderly neighbor need help with Christmas lights? Wrapping presents? Cleaning the house?</p>
<p>24 Use the MCA prayer service and light four candles on your Advent Wreath. <i>Behold!</i> <i>Read Lk 2: 1-20</i></p> 	<p>25 Sing Happy Birthday to Jesus at your family Christmas dinner! </p>	<p>26 Feast of St. Stephen, the first martyr. Pray for all those persecuted for their faith in our world.</p>	<p>27 Help clean the house after Christmas. Find spare change? Put it in your mission bank! </p>	<p>28 Was Santa generous to you? Donate unused toys to a charity that needs them. </p>	<p>29 In South Sudan, children have lived in the middle of a civil war for years. Today, pray for world peace.</p>	<p>30 Find out how Irish MCA members pray and sacrifice. Visit www.wmi.ie/go/chc Pray for MCA members worldwide.</p>
<p>31 Pick a spot on each continent. Mark the New Year at their local time with a Hail Mary for their children. </p>	<p>Jan 1 Holy Day of Obligation: The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. </p>	<p>2 Plan a small dinner-macaroni and cheese and carrot sticks. Put the \$ you'd spend on a regular meal in your mission bank</p>	<p>3 Invite a child who sits alone at lunch to eat with you. Pray today for children in the missions who will go hungry</p>	<p>4  January 6 is the traditional date of the Epiphany, the 12th Day of Christmas (as counted from December 26th). To celebrate the Epiphany, Missionary Children in Germany dress as the Three Kings, sing Christmas carols, and collect MCA donations in their neighborhoods. Try it!</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>

7 The Epiphany:
International Missionary Childhood Day
Bless your doorway:
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FAITH FORMATION CLASS, OR ADDRESS BELOW!**