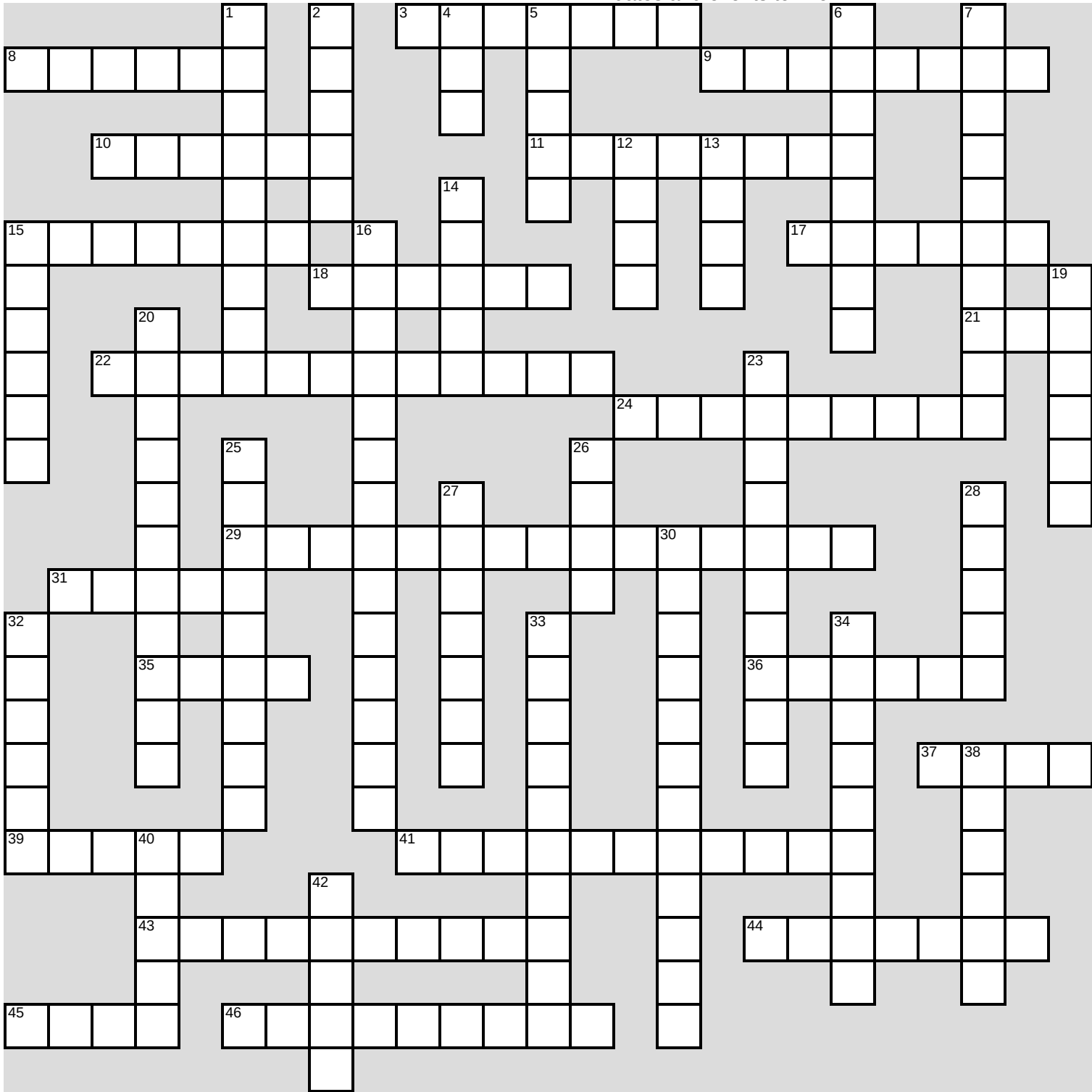


The Church in December

In the Catholic faith, the month of December is focused on Advent, but there are other key dates and events to know.



Across

- 3 Which Archangel announced to Mary that she was chosen to be Christ's mother?
- 8 The prophecies of the Old Testament prophet _____ are read often during the Advent season.
- 9 Advent hymn: O Come, O Come _____
- 10 Advent comes from the Latin word, "adventus," which means _____.
- 11 In Luke's Gospel we are told that the reason that Mary and Joseph went to Bethlehem was for a census that required you to go to your hometown. In the Gospel it is expressed this way: "In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be _____"
- 15 Name given to the Third Sunday of Advent: _____ Sunday.
- 17 The Patron Saint of India celebrated on December 3 is St. Francis _____.
- 18 Two days after the Immaculate Conception and two days before Our Lady of Guadalupe, we celebrate another holy day of Mary: Our Lady of _____.
- 21 Common name given to the last day of Advent: Christmas _____.
- 22 The image of Our Lady of Guadalupe shows Mary standing upon a _____ (2 words)
- 24 During Advent we hear the phrases "O Wisdom" "O Key of David" "O Root of Jesse" -- these are three of the seven phrases called the "O _____"
- 29 The candles on the Advent wreath symbolize Christ, the _____ (4 words)
- 31 What is the last word of the last scripture (Gospel) read on the last day of Advent?
- 35 In St. Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 1, an Angel of the Lord tells St. Joseph that Mary is to have a Son, and is to be named Jesus, "because he will save his people from their _____."
- 36 From the French word for crib, this is a common sight in many homes as Advent comes to a close, and people prepare for Christmas.

Down

- 1 The first holy day after the conclusion of the Season of Advent
- 2 On Dec. 9 we celebrate the saint who encountered Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe; his name is St. Juan _____.
- 4 On December 8 we celebrate the Immaculate Conception of Mary in the womb of St. _____.
- 5 What flowers are associated with Our Lady of Guadalupe?
- 6 When Mary accepts her role as Mother of God, she tells the Angel, "Behold, I am the _____ of the Lord."
- 7 On December 7, the Church celebrates the Memorial of St. Ambrose, Bishop. Of note, he is the patron saint of _____ (2 words)
- 12 Color associated with the Third Sunday of Advent.
- 13 On December 13 the Church celebrates the Memorial of the Virgin-Martyr St. _____.
- 14 In St. Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 1, we are told that St. Joseph gets visited by an angel in a _____.
- 15 Prayer that is not said or sung at Mass during the Season of Advent (except on the Immaculate Conception)
- 16 Saint who wrote "Dark Night of the Soul" has his Memorial observed at Mass on December 14: St. _____ (4 words)
- 19 Our Lady of Guadalupe marked the first appearance of Mary in the new world. In what country did Our Lady of Guadalupe appear?
- 20 In declaring the dogma of the Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8) in 1854, Pope Pius IX stated that Mary, through God's grace, was conceived free from the stain of _____ (2 words)
- 23 Advent begins the new _____ year.
- 25 Type of feast day (rank) that describes the Immaculate Conception.
- 26 Six months before Mary gave birth to Jesus, her relative Elizabeth gave birth to a son. They were going to name the child Zechariah, after his father, but instead they named him _____.

- 37** The first word of the Angel when he came to Mary in St. Luke's Gospel 1:28.
- 39** Number of violet candles on an Advent Wreath.
- 41** Maximum length of the season of Advent: _____ days.
- 43** Mary revealed that she was the Immaculate Conception to St. _____
- 44** The first Saint Day celebrated after the end of the Advent. The Feast of St. _____. (Dec. 26)
- 45** Number of candles on a traditional Advent Wreath
- 46** When Mary and Joseph stopped at the Inn to find lodging for the night, in what town was the Inn located?
- 27** Between December 16-24, in Hispanic culture, Las _____ are nine nights of prayer that dramatize the search of Joseph and Mary for lodging (leading up to the birth of Jesus).
- 28** In Advent we prepare for the coming of Christ as our Savior, and his second coming as our _____.
- 30** During Advent we hear about John the Baptist proclaiming: "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, make straight the _____." (4 words)
- 32** The color of the Season of Advent
- 33** Man and woman saint whose holy day (according to the Roman Martyrology) is observed on December 24: Ss. _____ (3 words)
- 34** In Chapter 1 of St. Matthew's Gospel, this described the relationship of Mary to Joseph: "Mary was _____ to Joseph"
- 38** The Season of Advent begins on the Sunday closest to the Feast of St. _____.
- 40** Traditionally, the Wednesday, Friday and Saturday after December 13 were observed as special days of fasting and prayer called _____ days.
- 42** Last saint day on the Universal Calendar of the Church in Advent -- on December 23 -- is the optional memorial of St. John of _____.