



REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR 2019

INTRODUCTION

Many Advent calendars contain a small gift or candy that is opened or eaten on each day of Advent, leading up to Christmas Day. The Reverse Advent Calendar is designed to focus our attention on sharing with those in need and learning more about the needs of the world, especially those places where peace seems to be elusive.

In weeks 1 and 3, you and/or your family is invited to purchase at least one or more the items listed on the calendar for that week and bring it to the church on the following Sunday for blessing and distribution. Collection baskets for these items will be placed in the Narthex. You may purchase all of the items at once or day-by-day. If you or your family are in need of any of these items, please speak to one of the clergy. We do hope you will make time daily to pray and engage in some kind of act of service.

In week 2, you're encouraged to read about and reflect upon the work of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (EDJ), and to give as you are able in a special offering on Sunday, December 15. Over the past few years our parish has given to several special offerings to support the work they do in that troubled part of the world, and The Episcopal Church has a special relationship with that diocese. The EDJ comprises Israel, Gaza, the Palestinian Territory, Syria, and other parts of the Middle East.

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

STANDING IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE POOR

December 1-7

INSTRUCTIONS

You and/or your family is invited to purchase at least one or more the hygiene or baby items listed below and bring it to the church on Sunday, December 8 for blessing and distribution. Collection baskets for these items will be placed in the Narthex. You may purchase all of the items at once or day-by-day. We do hope you will make time daily to pray and engage in some kind of act of service.

If you or your family are in need of any of these items, please speak to one of the clergy.

SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 1, First Day of Advent

Monday, December 2 | Diapers (size 4-6) or baby wipes

Tuesday, December 3 | Bath soap

Wednesday, December 4 | Toothpaste

Thursday, December 5 | Shaving cream

Friday, December 6 | Baby food

BONUS! Today is the feast day of St. Nicholas, patron saint of children and the poor! Read about St. Nicholas at <https://www.stnicholascenter.org/>.

Saturday, December 7 | Baby shampoo

On Sunday, December 8, bring everything to church and place them in the donation baskets in the Narthex. The items will be blessed at the 10:30 am service and distributed to the Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank the next day.

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

STANDING IN SOLIDARITY WITH CHRISTIANS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

December 8-14

INSTRUCTIONS

This week, you are encouraged to read about and reflect upon the work of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (EDJ), and to give as you are able in a special offering on Sunday, December 15. Over the past few years our parish has given to several special offerings to support the work they do in that troubled part of the world, and The Episcopal Church has a special relationship with that diocese. The EDJ comprises Israel, Gaza, the Palestinian Territory, Syria, and other parts of the Middle East.

SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 8, Second Sunday of Advent

Monday, December 9 | Read about the history of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (EDJ) and its ministry in the Middle East. Pray for its leader, Archbishop Suheil Dawani.

(<https://www.j-diocese.org/index.php?lang=en&page=1296659988562>)

Tuesday, December 10 | Read about the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem's education ministries. Find links to each of their schools in the Education section of their website: www.j-diocese.org. Pray for the education ministries in Israel and Palestine particularly.

Wednesday, December 11 | Read about EDJ's hospital in Nablus, Palestine. Pilgrims from Good Samaritan visited this hospital in 2018 and left a monetary gift. Pray for their ongoing ministry.

(<https://www.j-diocese.org/index.php?lang=en&page=129666024424&sub=129698366934>)

Thursday, December 12 | Read about the Princess Basma Center for Disabled Children, which works for the integration and empowerment of children with disabilities. Pray for the children and staff of the Center.

(<http://www.basma-centre.org/about-us/>)

Friday, December 13 | Visit the website of the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ) and read about their mission to support the ministries of EDJ.

(<https://afedj.org/who-we-serve/overview/>)

Saturday, December 14 | Set aside a few minutes to pray for peace in the Middle East. Also pray about what you can give financially to AFEDJ. We will collect a special offering in church tomorrow.

On Sunday, December 15, we will collect a special offering for the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ). Please bring a check made out to "Good Samaritan" with "AFEDJ" in the memo line.

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

STANDING IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE HUNGRY

December 15-21

INSTRUCTIONS

You and/or your family is invited to purchase at least one or more of the food items listed below and bring it to the church on Sunday, December 22, for blessing and distribution. Collection baskets for these items will be placed in the Narthex. You may purchase all of the items at once or day-by-day. We do hope you will make time daily to pray and engage in some kind of act of service.

If you or your family are in need of any of these items, please speak to one of the clergy.

SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 15, Third Sunday of Advent

Monday, December 16 | Peanut butter

Tuesday, December 17 | Canned tuna or chicken

Wednesday, December 18 | Canned fruit

Thursday, December 19 | Pasta

Friday, December 20 | Hamburger Helper

Saturday, December 21 | Tomato ketchup

On Sunday, December 22, bring everything to church and place them in the donation baskets in the Narthex. The items will be blessed at the 10:30 am service and distributed to local food banks the next day

2019

DECEMBER

CALENDAR YEAR

CALENDAR MONTH

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GOOD SAMARITAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01 ADVENT 1: Standing in Solidarity with the Poor	02 PURCHASE: diapers (size 4-6) or baby wipes	03 PURCHASE: bath soap	04 PURCHASE: toothpaste	05 PURCHASE: shaving cream	06 PURCHASE: baby food FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS, patron saint of children and the poor	07 PURCHASE: baby shampoo COLLECT all items to bring to church tomorrow!
08 ADVENT 2: Standing in Solidarity with Christians in the Middle East LESSONS & CAROLS, 6 PM	09 RESEARCH & PRAY: History of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (EDJ)	10 RESEARCH & PRAY: Education Ministries of EDJ	11 RESEARCH & PRAY: St. Luke's Hospital in Nablus, Palestine	12 RESEARCH & PRAY: Princess Basma Center for Disabled Children	13 RESEARCH & PRAY: American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ)	14 PRAY: Peace in the Middle East GIVE: Set aside a gift for Sunday's special offering for AFEDJ
15 ADVENT 3: Standing in Solidarity with the Hungry CAROLS & COOKIES, 5 PM	16 PURCHASE: peanut butter	17 PURCHASE: canned tuna or chicken	18 PURCHASE: canned fruit	19 PURCHASE: pasta	20 PURCHASE: Hamburger Helper	21 PURCHASE: tomato ketchup COLLECT all items to bring to church tomorrow!
22 ADVENT 4: Telling the Story Again	23 READ the whole Christmas story from Luke 2	24 WORSHIP the newborn king on Christmas Eve! 5 PM - Christmas Pageant and Eucharist 10 PM - Christmas Eucharist	25	26	27	28

