

# 2022 Environmental Advent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>November 27</b> <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <i>This week, let us hear the cry of the Earth.</i> <p>Pope Francis calls on us to consider how we live in love with one another and with all of creation.</p>	November 28 <i>A non-migration of geese, a never-thriving of crops, – these give one pause. Nature isn't separate from us.</i> <p>Diane Ackerman, <i>The Human Age</i></p>	November 29 The Amazon Rain Forest is close to being unable to pull tons of carbon from the atmosphere. Pray for an end to deforestation and for preserving its future as our planet's "lungs."	November 30 Climate change is inextricably linked with water. Witness the increase in floods, tropical cyclones, rising sea levels and melting ice sheets. Pray on this as you turn on your water faucet.	December 1 Creeping deserts and water scarcity have far-reaching effects. Lakes and rivers dry up. People must still find water and food. Pray on this as you turn off your water faucet.	2 <i>Ours is the first generation to deeply understand the damage we have been doing to our planetary household, . . .</i> <small>(cont'd on Dec 3)</small>	3 <i>. . . and probably the last generation with the chance to do something transformative about it.</i> <p>Kate Raworth, <i>Donut Economics</i></p>
<b>4 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <i>This week, let us hear the cry of the poor.</i> <p>We join in solidarity to pray for people affected by climate change.</p>	5 <i>I will not believe that I don't have to concern myself with what happens far from here.</i> <p>Dom Helder Camara</p>	6 <i>Oh Jesus, I pray for refugees, fleeing from violence. All of them need your help!</i> <p>Missionary Sisters of St. Charles Borromeo</p>	7 <i>We remember those who died in 1941 in Pearl Harbor.</i> <p>Pray for the victims of all wars, and for the fullness of God's peace to come into our world.</p>	8 <b>Immaculate Conception</b> <i>Mother Mary, we need your immaculate gaze. Help us to look upon all of Creation with respect and awareness.</i> <p>John Clossick</p>	9 <i>Almighty Creator, help us realize that none of us can move forward as long as one of us is left behind.</i> <p>John Clossick</p>	10 <i>Breathing in, Christ lives in our lives. Breathing out, it's good to be alive!</i> <p>Cora Tabing-Reyes</p>
<b>11 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <i>This week, let us respect the Earth.</i> <p>All living beings are interdependent and every life has value.</p>	12 <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> <i>My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior.</i> <p>Eco Congregation, Ireland</p>	13 <i>Christ within us, Light above us, Earth beneath us, Love surrounds us.</i> <p>Eco Congregation, Ireland</p>	14 <i>Love one another and the Earth.</i> <p>How do you care for the Earth and how might you be endangering her?</p>	15 Pray for the grace to bring and receive joy by accompanying those journeying through parched lands.	16 <i>I encourage the Laudato Si' Action Platform, that it may foster in everyone a concrete commitment to care of creation.</i> 	17 <i>Happy Birthday, Pope Francis!</i>
<b>18 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <i>This week, let us be filled with gratitude.</i> <p>Father, we praise you with all your creatures. They came forth from your all-powerful hand; they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love. Praise be to you!</p>	19 Son of God, Jesus, through you all things were made. You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother, you became part of this earth, and you gazed upon this world with human eyes. Today you are alive in every creature in your risen glory. Praise be to you!	20 Holy Spirit, by your light you guide this world towards the Father's love and accompany creation as it groans in travail. You also dwell in our hearts and you inspire us to do what is good. Praise be to you!	21 Triune Lord, teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of you. Awaken our praise and thankfulness for every being that you have made. Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is.	22 God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.	23 Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live. The poor and the earth are crying out.	24 O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty. Praise be to you! Amen. <p><i>This week's prayer is from Laudato Si' by Pope Francis.</i></p>

The St. James Cathedral Care for Creation Team wishes you & your loved ones a Blessed and Merry Christmas!