

Advent Virtues

VIRTUE	KNOWING THE VIRTUE	LIVING THE VIRTUE	SCRIPTURE CONNECTION
PRAYERFULNESS	Being still, Listening, and Being willing to talk to God as a friend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Making personal visit to the Blessed Sacrament ◆ Taking the initiative to pray ◆ Practicing reflection 	<i>“Mary kept all the things, reflecting on them in her heart.”</i> Luke 2:19
HUMILITY	Awareness that all our gifts come from God and appreciation of the gifts of others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Acknowledge the talents of other by praising them ◆ Saying “thank you” when praised for an action well done. 	<i>“and Mary said, My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord.”</i> Luke 1:46
OBEDIENCE	Assenting to rightful authority without hesitation or resistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Honoring your teachers and parents by doing what they ask ◆ Anticipating their requests and wants ◆ Smiling while doing a task you should do. 	<i>“When Joseph awoke he did as the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home”</i> Matthew 1:24
GENEROSITY	Giving of oneself in a willing and cheerful manner for the good of others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Willingly helping others ◆ Freely giving of your time and gifts 	<i>“For God so Loved the world that He gave His only Son.”</i> John 3:16
GRATITUDE	Thankful disposition of mind and heart	◆ Expressing thanks by word or deeds and in your prayers	<i>“The Almighty One has done great things for my and Holy is His Name”</i> Luke 1:49
PATIENCE	Bearing present difficulties calmly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Waiting for your turn ◆ Listening while others are speaking ◆ Remaining calm when you don’t get what you want 	<i>“...and Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem”</i> Luke 2:1-7

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DOCILITY	Willingness to be taught	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Willing to listen to directions◆ Listening to and thinking about another person's idea	<i>“When the angels went away to heaven the shepherd said to one another, ‘Let us go then to Bethlehem.’”</i> Luke 2:15
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