

# DECEMBER



## 5 ST. NICHOLAS' EVE

St. Nicholas is the first of the traditional winter-time gift bearers. Set your shoes by the chimney; you may find presents in them in the morning!

## 6 HANUKKAH BEGINS AT SUNSET

Begins eight nights marking the Festival of Lights. It's **ALSO ST. NICHOLAS' DAY AND SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT** and we light two purple candles.

## 12 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Sacred to Mexico.

## 13 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Light two purple candles and one rose candle. It's **ALSO SANTA LUCIA'S DAY** Sacred to Italy & Sweden.

## 20 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Light three purple candles and one rose candle.

## 21 WINTER SOLSTICE 11:49 PM IN LAKE WORTH

Midwinter in the Northern Hemisphere, the longest night of the year. We drive the dark away with festive music, food, lights, and good company.

## 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

Calm & bright; we follow that star.

## 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

Today is a beginning, with twelve days of festivity still to come. We encourage you to join us in celebrating a slow Christmastide by following the traditional ways and celebrating all the way through Twelfth Night!

## 26 KWANZAA BEGINS, ALSO FIRST DAY OF CHRISTMAS

St. Stephen's Day, Boxing Day, Day of the Wren

## 27 SECOND DAY OF CHRISTMAS

St. John's Day; Bless your wine.

## 28 THIRD DAY OF CHRISTMAS

Holy Innocents' Day, Childremass

## 29 FOURTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS

It's the Feast of Fools and today we ceremoniously reverse the the normal order of things: the children are in charge, the world is upside down.

## 30 FIFTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS

Bring in the Boar: *And I pray you my masters, be merry, Quot estis in convivio!* ("The Boar's Head Carol" is the old carol that inspired our Convivio Bookworks press name.)

## 31 SIXTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS

New Year's Eve, Hogmanay, First Footing



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Image: A snowy field from our recent visit to Palos Park, Illinois.

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