

 <p>CHRISTMAS TODAY</p>	<p>Head to church & share your own gifts with Jesus.</p> <p>Another 7 days.</p> <p>The Church lasts</p> <p>in the Church season</p> <p>frankincense, & myrrh.</p> <p>After the Wise Men presented Jesus with gifts of gold, frankincense, & myrrh.</p> <p>They were warned not to return the same way. What direction is God pointing you this year?</p>	<p>Song playlist (or CD)</p> <p>to keep you focused on the season.</p>	<p>Listen to a Christmas song playlist (or CD)</p> <p>to keep you focused on the season.</p>	 <p>CHRISTMAS MOVIE</p>
<p>EL Community Giving YOU'RE DECLARED GENEROUS! Don't return unwanted gifts -- donate them! Did you know many charities accept all types of gift cards?</p>	<p>12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS Traditionally, the 12 Days of Christmas begin Christmas Eve and end January 5.</p>	<p>REFLECTION YOU GAIN PERSPECTIVE! (GO TO MASS, GO DIRECTLY TO MASS)</p>	<p>THAT PLAYLIST! DON'T DELETE THAT PLAYLIST!</p>	<p>CHRISTMAS SEASON One more day to go: Surprise someone who least expects it with a small gift and a hearty, "Merry Christmas!"</p>
<p>VE BACK TO WORK (GO TO WORK, GO DIRECTLY TO WORK)</p>	<p>How do you keep the spirit of Christmas when a lot of the world has already moved on?</p>	<p>CHRISTMAS OCTAVE The Christmas Octave lasts 8 days beginning on Christmas. Since the Old Testament special feasts have been celebrated for 8 days.</p>	<p>BAPTISM OF THE LORD (GO TO MASS, GO DIRECTLY TO MASS)</p>	<p>CHRISTMAS SEASON Baptism of the Lord -- lasts until the season of Christmas. The Roman Catholic Church celebrates Christ's birth, this year, January 13th.</p>
<p>MARY MOTHER OF GOD (GO TO MASS, GO DIRECTLY TO MASS)</p>	<p>Mary is so special, she deserves the first day of the year to celebrate her saying yes to God.</p>	<p>GO BACK 365 SPACES Take some time today to reflect on the past year, including your successes and failures.</p>	<p>KEEP WATERING THAT TREE! Some Christians keep Christmas going a full 40 days after the birthday of Jesus, lasting until February 2, the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also called "Candlemas" because of a tradition of blessing new candles that day. Okay, maybe you can toss the tree but don't give up the Christmas spirit of loving others the way Jesus did!</p>	
<p>NEW YEAR'S EVE</p>	<p>HOLY FAMILY (GO TO MASS, GO DIRECTLY TO MASS)</p> <p>We celebrate Jesus, Mary & Joseph on the first Sunday following Christmas.</p>	<p>HOLY INNOCENTS Attempting to kill Jesus, King Herod slaughters the children of Bethlehem. Pray for parents who have lost children.</p>	<p>THE OCTAVE Say "Merry Christmas" to 8 people today.</p>	<p>ST. STEPHEN The first Christian martyr, Stephen was stoned to death for his belief in Christ. What are you willing to sacrifice for your beliefs?</p>