

BLUE CHRISTMAS PARISH TOOLKIT



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ABOUT THIS TOOLKIT

Also called the Longest Night or Winter Solstice, Blue Christmas is a day in the Advent season marking the longest night of the year. This year's Blue Christmas falls on Sunday, December 21, 2025. On this day, some churches hold a church service that honors people that have lost loved ones and are experiencing grief or loss of some sort. We have created this toolkit in the hopes that you would like to host an event at your parish for those suffering through loss this year.

- You can make the service as simple or as elaborate as you feel fit.
- Click the links in the right-hand bar for advertising materials and the worship program.
- Contact our office with questions or for additional support.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

Struggling with loss? Not in the mood to celebrate? Looking for some time and space for your struggles and questions? Join us on this longest night in lighting some candles and spending time in prayer and silent reflection at the Blue Christmas Prayer Service.

SAMPLE SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

Join us for a Blue Christmas Prayer Service at [Church Name]- [Time], Sunday, December 21, 2025. #bluechristmas #longestnight

[Church Name] invites you to a Blue Christmas Prayer Service on Sunday, December 21, 2025, at [Time]. #bluechristmas #longestnight



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