

Joy of Advent

CONTRIBUTING AUTHOR GUIDELINES

Our mission is to 'honor Christmas in our hearts and try to keep it all the year' by encouraging all to deepen their faith in the true Giver of all good gifts. Any article that supports that mission is likely to be a welcomed addition to our site. Send submissions to: info@joyofadvent.com

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- Stories, articles, advice related to Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany from a Christian perspective. You'll find suggested topics below.
- Clear writing that's conversational and not showy or overly formal (nor overly informal). Don't worry if you're not a professional author. We'll edit as needed, but will always get your approval on any major changes.
- High quality images, if available. Be sure you have the rights to the images you submit (your personal creations or images that are in the public domain).
- Non-religious content, so long as it is consistent with our mission.

PLEASE AVOID:

- Any content with reference to politics, current events, or controversial topics.
- Any content that goes against Biblical teaching and sound doctrine.
- Any in-text affiliate links (they will be removed). Please do provide links to relevant websites (for example, if writing a film review, include a link to the IMDB page). We reserve the right to add links as needed.
- We seek to provide interdenominational and ecumenical resources. Please keep this in mind when referencing traditions and celebrations.
- Profanity or potentially objectionable colloquialisms.
- Any content for which you do not own copyright.

WHAT WE PROVIDE TO YOU:

- You will be listed in the "Contributor" section of the website and your bio and link will display beneath your post. You may link to your website in your bio.

- The rights to your text and images remain fully your own, but we reserve the right to revise: including textual changes, adding links or images, and using images or excerpts elsewhere on the site. You will always be credited for your work.
- You will have the opportunity to approve any major changes or may be asked to revise.
- If you don't have images, don't worry! We'll find some!
- We will share your post on all our social media channels, and we expect you to share on your social networks as well.

SUGGESTED TOPICS:

- Christmas movie reviews—both classics and new releases. All family-friendly genres, but ONLY Christmas!
- Christmas book reviews (any age level or genre, but must be Christmas-themed).
- Holiday crafts with instructions for kids or adults.
- Holiday recipes. Feel free to share notes on the origins of the recipe (a great-grandmother's favorite? Winner of a county fair blue ribbon?), or special memories associated with the food.
- Feature on a historical element related to Christmas, Advent, Epiphany (history of the Christmas Card, stockings, a favorite Christmas Carol, and the like).
- Timely and thematic gift lists. You may feature your own products, but they must be part of a larger post, not the only item featured (for example, if you make knitted goods, select several other knitted-goods makers to feature along with your own).
- Christmas around the world features (ideally from those native to the culture or with extensive lived experience).
- Christmas home decor ideas.
- Party ideas including ways to celebrate feast days, weddings, birthdays, and more.
- Holiday planning advice (ideally with printables).
- What is your favorite Christmas carol, and why?
- Inspiring, amazing, miraculous *true* stories that involve the Christmas season in a meaningful way.
- Favorite family holiday traditions with pictures.
- Tips or personal experience on celebrating Christmas as a... single, empty nester, retiree, parent teens, parent of a new baby, special needs child, and other themes.