

# Xmas



# The Vigil of Christmas

This ancient tradition has lost none of its charm. The vigil takes place on December 24 , Christmas Eve, just before midnight Mass . The family gathers around the Christmas tree or soaring : the famous Christmas cake that is burned in the fireplace. Christmas Eve is also a time to sing , laugh and share together a first holiday meal , very light. Here is the program of a traditional Christmas Eve even if , from one region to another , customs may change.

# The Yule log

**No Christmas Eve without a log! Whether you 're cooking or you buy it , do you know that the Yule log was not always a cake ? It was , originally , a large piece of wood that were made flambé at home and in front of which is warmed until Christmas. To learn more , discover the traditions linked to the different regions**

## The origin of Christmas

This is the first winter solstice that were celebrated on 25 December, in hopes of seeing nature reborn and the days lengthen. Can Christians fêterent on that date the birth of Christ, Christmas was born.

## Saint Nicolas Santa's ancestor

The protective patron saint of children, Saint-Nicolas, already brings gifts to small 6 December, his feast day. And it is he who is the origin of the legend of Santa Claus!

## Who is Santa Claus

It is a mixture of the St. Nicolas Eastern American Santa Claus and, through advertising Coca-Cola and a song by Tino Rossi, who created the Santa Claus as we know it today. ..

## Christmas symbols

And for you, what makes the Christmas mood? Fir, crown and decorations? The Advent Calendar, holly and all traditions? Santa, gifts and amazed children? The manger, the Magi and the midnight mass? Christmas songs and the family holiday dinner?

## Christmas markets

A family outing not to be missed before Christmas to enjoy the magical Christmas atmosphere!

- Christmas tree
- The tradition of the Christmas tree was born in the sixteenth century in Alsace ...
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- The nursery
- Small figurines to recreate the scene of the birth of Christ.
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- Christmas songs
- Where do "Silent Night," "He was born the divine child" or "O Christmas Tree"?

- Christmas poem by Clement Moore
- It is at this American pastor that must be Santa Claus on his sleigh scene pulled by reindeers ...
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- Christmas stories
- Nice stories to read and reread all the fire .

- sayings
- Popular dictions of which promise better times ...
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- superstitions
- Ghosts, spirits , animals, wealth: Christmas night would be full of dangers but also pleasant surprises .
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- Christmas Quotes
- Discover the most beautiful quotes around Eve.
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- Advent : 4 Sunday before Christmas
- Four weeks of preparations and symbols until Christmas!
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- The winter holidays
- These festivities celebrated once entering the winter and brought warmth and light to this harsh season.



- New Year
- Did you know that the New Year has not always been celebrated on January 1st?