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Week at a Glance

MONDAY 12/20

A longtime Christmas favorite, "It's a Wonderful Life" premiered in New York on this day in 1946. It's one of the most loved films and has become traditional viewing during the Christmas season.

TUESDAY 12/21

Today is the Winter Solstice which means it's the shortest day of the year and longest night in the Northern Hemisphere. Regardless of the weather outside, today marks the first day of winter!

WEDNESDAY 12/22

The 1.5-mile-long *Lincoln Tunnel* that passes under the Hudson River to connect New Jersey and New York opened on this day in 1937. Each of the 7,661 cars had to pay 50 cents to pass through.

THURSDAY 12/23

There are so many ways to get into the spirit of Christmas and today is for curling up on the couch for a movie marathon on National Christmas Movie Marathon Day!

FRIDAY 12/24

"Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse." The Hope of the world was born on this day and we rejoice in His gift forever! *Merry* Christmas to all who are near and far!

Did You Know?

- If you live in the Northern Hemisphere, check your noontime shadow around the time of the winter solstice: it will be your longest noontime shadow of the year. Conversely, in June, at the time of the summer solstice, you'll see your shortest noontime shadow. This is because the Sun is at different angles. The Sun's low arc across the sky in winter causes objects to cast longer shadows.
- If you gave all the gifts listed in the Twelve Days of Christmas, it would equal 364 gifts.
- The tradition of going door to door singing carols is based on the English custom of wassailing, which was a tradition to toast to someone's good health and fortune. St. Francis of Assisi took this tradition and converted it to the modern form of carolling.
- Poinsettia plants are named after Joel R. Poinsett, an American minister to Mexico, who brought the red-and-green plant from Mexico to America in 1828.

IN OTHER WORDS...

"The Lord is leading us back to a place where God's people truthfully represent Him. Some of us were there at one time but somehow left it behind. We have to be a people of truth, or we'll have no power to bear witness to who God is in our time."

—Carter Conlon

For more from Carter, air his new specials, Christmas, Your Light in the Darkness and 2022: Crisis or Confidence?

Weekly Verse

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests." When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

Luke 2:14-16 (NIV)

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Just a reminder that the Ambassador office will be mostly empty for the week between Christmas and New Year's as our team enjoys time with family and friends this season. But don't worry—everyone's back at it and ready to help on Monday, January 3!

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