

THE MEANING OF THE ADVENT WREATH:

(Advent means "coming", The time of year to get ready for Christmas. It is the start of the new Church year.)

NOVEMBER 27TH

blue or
1st CANDLE- (purple) "CANDLE OF HOPE"

We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God. (Romans 15:12-13)

SCRIPTURE READING FOR WEEK OF ADVENT 1

SUNDAY: Isaiah 7:14 and/or Micah 5:2

MONDAY: Matthew 1:18-24 and/or Luke 1:26-33

TUESDAY: Luke 2:1-5

WEDNESDAY: Luke 2:6-7

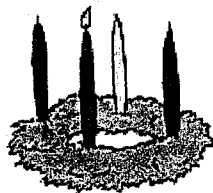
THURSDAY: Luke 2:8-9

FRIDAY: Luke 2:10-12

SATURDAY: Luke 2:13-14

- Prayer -

First Week OF Advent



O Jesus Christ,
Emmanuel, come and dwell with us.
Desire of all nations;
Gift to every generation,
Come, make your home with us.

All nations, everybody,
is waiting for you,
Indians and Esquimos
are waiting for you,
People in New York
are waiting for you.
People in Beijing
are waiting for you.
Jesus, come to us.

DECEMBER 4TH

^{blue or} 2nd CANDLE- (purple) "CANDLE OF PREPARATION"

Preparation means to 'get ready'. "Help us to be ready to welcome YOU, O
GOD!"

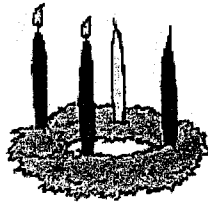
(Luke 3:4-6)

SCRIPTURE READING FOR WEEK OF ADVENT 2

SUNDAY: Luke 2:15-16
MONDAY: Luke 2:17-18
TUESDAY: Luke 2:19
WEDNESDAY: Luke 2:20
THURSDAY: Luke 2:21
FRIDAY: Matthew 2:1-2
SATURDAY: Matthew 2:3-6

- Prayer -

SECOND Week OF Advent



O Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace,
come and save your people.

Joy of every heart,
Strength of those who are poor,
come quickly to help us.

Prince of Peace,
teach the lion and the little lamb,
teach the cat and the mouse,
the the hawk and the tiny bird,
teach everyone who doesn't get along
to live in peace.

DECEMBER 11TH

3rd CANDLE- (pink) "CANDLE OF JOY"

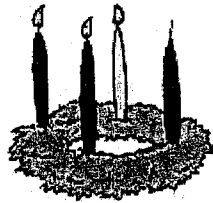
The angels sang a message of JOY! (Luke 2:7-15)

SCRIPTURE READING FOR WEEK OF ADVENT 3

SUNDAY: Matthew 2:7-8
MONDAY: Matthew 2:9
TUESDAY: Matthew 2:10-11
WEDNESDAY: Matthew 2:12-15
THURSDAY: Galatians 4:4-5
FRIDAY: Ephesians 2:8-9
SATURDAY: 1 John 4:7-16

- Prayer -

THIRD Week OF Advent



O Jesus Christ,
Key of David,
come and set your people free.
Open the gates of heaven for us;
come, deliver us from evil.

King David was a mighty king
who built a city long ago.
He left a key
that Jesus found in the manger hay.
Key of David, Jesus Christ,
open heaven's gates for us.

DECEMBER 18TH

blue or
4th CANDLE- (purple) "CANDLE OF LOVE"

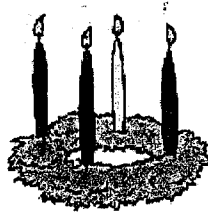
God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us!
(John 3:16-17)

SCRIPTURE READING FOR WEEK OF ADVENT 4

6 SUNDAY: Ephesians 2:12-22
MONDAY: John 7:37-38, and 14:6
TUESDAY: Matthew 28:19-20
WEDNESDAY: John 8:12
THURSDAY: John 9:4-5 and Matthew 5:14-16
FRIDAY: Psalm 98:1-6
SATURDAY: John 1:1-3, 14 and/or Romans:23

- Prayer -

FOURTH Week OF Advent

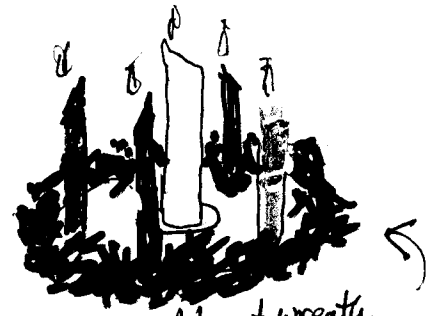


O Jesus Christ, Holy Wisdom,
come and teach us your way;
Word of life, Word made flesh,
come, speak your truth.

Jesus, come and teach me,
how to sing and play,
how to learn new words;
tell me what to say.
Teach me how to be a child,
for you know the way.

CHRISTMAS DAY

DECEMBER 25TH



Advent wreath
with 'Christ Candle'
in the middle

5th CANDLE - (white) "CHRIST CANDLE"

The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for his death, his death was for our birth! (John 1:29 and John 3:1-8)

Prayer

FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

O God,
whose mighty Son was born in Bethlehem
those days long ago,
lead us to that same poor place,
where Mary laid her tiny Child.
And as we look on in wonder and praise,
make us welcome him in all new life,
see him in the poor,
and care for his handiwork
the earth, the sky and the sea.
O God, bless us again in your great love.
We pray for this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Wreath = green - ongoing life

Information was taken from two websites: Catholic Moms and unknown

Setting aside a few minutes each day during Advent to 'light' the candle(s) and worship will help everyone to get ready for Jesus' birthday celebration! On the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day burn the first candle, read the Scripture references, sing a carol and pray. On the next Sunday, you will burn the first and second candle. Continue in this manner until the Sunday before Christmas when you will burn all four candles. On Christmas Day you burn the 'Christ Candle', signifying that Jesus has come!