

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Risen Lord Catholic Church



All Saints Catholic Church



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS



St. Joseph's Catholic Church

78 St. Josephs Lane
Woodlawn VA 24381-1101
Sunday English Mass 11:30am
Spanish Mass: 2:30 PM
Daily Mass: Wednesday & Friday
9:00am
Spanish Weekday Mass : Thurs. 6:00
pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Before Mass 11:00-11:15 am

Risen Lord Catholic Church

59 Mountain View Park
Stuart, VA 24133
Sunday Mass: 8:30 AM
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sun. 7:45-
8:15am

All Saints Catholic Church

598 Needmore Lane, NE
Floyd, VA 24091 (540)763-6000
Mass: English
Saturday Vigil at 5:00 PM
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 4:15-
4:45pm
First Saturday of the month: Mass 10am,
followed by Holy Hour and Benediction.

Father Herman Katongole, Pastor

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Woodlawn, Virginia 24381-1101
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MASS SCHEDULE

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

December 7- 5:00PM All Saints Floyd

December 8- 9:00AM St. Joseph (English)

December 8- Noon Risen Lord

December 8- 6:00PM St Joseph (Spanish)

DECEMBER 8- 7:00PM- 10:00PM ADORATION (ADORACIÓN)

VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

Las Mañanitas de la virgen de Guadalupe serán de las 11:45PM
a la 1:30 el 11 de Diciembre y la misa será el 12 a la tendremos
el ultimo Rosario de la novena y misa a las 2:30 y después
habrá un convivio

December 12, Misa en Español 6:00PM

CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24- 5:00PM All Saints Floyd

December 24- 8:00PM St Joseph (Spanish)

CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25- 8:30AM Risen Lord

December 25- 11:30AM St Joseph (English)

December 25- 2:30PM St Joseph (Spanish)

NEW YEARS DAY 2023

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

December 2022

St. Joseph Pastoral Council:

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All Saints Finance Council:

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Chris Borin	704-534-9108
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FATHER HERMAN'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

God has brought us again to this festive season of the year when we joyfully celebrate a couple of days that derive all their importance from the Birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas. Christmas is undoubtedly a very important festival, a feast which we celebrate in our emotional and special way. On Christmas we celebrate the word that became flesh through incarnation. God is now with us, He is Emmanuel, he is no longer in the abstract, however, this Incarnation of God poses a great challenge to us. Jesus said, "Be perfect as the heavenly Father is perfect".

In other words, Jesus now becomes the benchmark of our life as God's adopted children. We cannot anymore hide behind the old saying that we cannot move forward on account of the frailty of our human nature.

Through Jesus we can achieve what he has achieved, for he was also human like us. For us Christians and Catholics in particular Christmas reminds us of Jesus' coming which is in three ways. First, Jesus came in history when he was born at Bethlehem, which is what we celebrate every Christmas. Second, Jesus will come again in glory at the end of time. Third, Jesus comes to us always through the ordinary events and people in our lives, in prayer and sacraments especially in the daily celebration of the Eucharist.

The four-week period preceding Christmas commonly

known as advent, offers us that great opportunity of spiritually preparing ourselves for this great event. The best way to practically prepare ourselves, is to recognize the daily coming of the Lord

in the ordinary events and people in our lives.

That is why we are called upon to reach out to others and kindly respond to those who come to us and share with them what the Lord has blessed us with. These can include food items and other necessities of life.

We can share our precious time with the needy around us by visiting the sick in homes and hospitals, the elderly, the bereaved families, those in prisons, etc. All these will help us to prepare ourselves for the Lord's coming.

We have to make at least one person more comfortable, happier,

more appreciated during this holy season of Advent.

Advent is a time when we expect mercy and liberation because our Lord, the King of the universe comes to reign over his people. He is the Lamb that takes away the sins of the world.

As Christians, we have to take on the message of John the Baptist who prepared the people to receive the Messiah. His message was on preparing the way of the Lord, he was encouraging them to set their life straight to deserve welcoming the messiah.

We need to repent and seek forgiveness from God and those we have injured: John's message calls us



to confront and confess our sins.



Next, we need to forgive others who have offended us and ask forgiveness for our offenses.

By all means, let us rejoice! God is with us in Jesus. But we have to face the challenge to remain pleasing in the eyes of the Lord all the days of our life. May this Season of Advent bring us the grace of true repentance and conversion to the Lord.

I appreciate your generous contribution towards the success of pastoral ministry in our

parishes since the beginning of this year.

My prayer is that Jesus be reborn in your hearts and life during Christmas and every day of the New Year 2023. May He radiate His presence from within you to others through unconditional forgiveness and humble service.

May the Holy Baby of Bethlehem bless you with health in body and soul and grant you a peaceful and blessed New Year. Let us pray for one another during our Christmas Holy Masses and every day in the New Year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

MENSAJE DE NAVIDAD DEL PADRE HERMAN

Dios nos ha traído de nuevo a esta época festiva del año en la que celebramos con alegría un par de días que derivan toda su importancia del Nacimiento de Jesucristo en Navidad. La Navidad es sin duda una fiesta muy importante, una fiesta que celebramos de una manera emotiva y especial.

En Navidad celebramos la palabra que se hizo fresca a través de la encarnación. Dios ahora está con nosotros, Él es Emmanuel, ya no está en abstracto, sin embargo, esta Encarnación de Dios nos plantea un gran desafío. Jesús dijo: “Sed perfectos como el Padre celestial es perfecto”.

En otras palabras, Jesús ahora se convierte en el punto de referencia de nuestra vida como hijos adoptivos de Dios. Ya no podemos escondernos detrás del viejo dicho de que no podemos avanzar debido a la fragilidad de nuestra naturaleza humana. A través de Jesús podemos lograr lo que él ha logrado, porque él también fue humano como nosotros.

Para nosotros, cristianos y católicos en particular, la Navidad nos recuerda la venida de Jesús que se manifiesta de tres maneras. Primero, Jesús entró en la historia cuando nació en Belén, que es lo que celebramos cada Navidad.

Segundo, Jesús vendrá de nuevo en gloria al final de los tiempos. Tercero, Jesús viene a nosotros siempre a través de los acontecimientos ordinarios y de las personas de nuestra vida, en la ora-

ción y los sacramentos, especialmente en la celebración diaria de la Eucaristía.

El período de cuatro semanas que precede a la Navidad, comúnmente conocido como adviento, nos ofrece esa gran oportunidad de prepararnos espiritualmente para este gran evento. La mejor manera de prepararnos prácticamente es reconocer la venida diaria del Señor en los eventos y personas comunes en nuestras vidas.

Es por eso que estamos llamados a acercarnos a los demás y responder amablemente a aquellos que vienen a nosotros y compartir con ellos lo que el Señor nos ha bendecido. Estos pueden incluir alimentos y otras necesidades de la vida.

Podemos compartir nuestro precioso tiempo con los necesitados que nos rodean visitando a los enfermos en hogares y hospitales, los ancianos, las familias en duelo, los que están en prisión, etc. Todo esto nos ayudará a prepararnos para la venida del Señor.

Tenemos que hacer que al menos una persona se sienta más cómoda, más feliz, más apreciada durante este tiempo sagrado de Adviento.

El Adviento es un tiempo en el que esperamos misericordia y liberación porque nuestro Señor, el Rey del universo viene a reinar sobre su pueblo. Él es el Cordero que quita los pecados del mundo.

Como cristianos, tenemos que asumir el mensaje de Juan Bautista que preparó al pueblo para recibir al Mesías. Su mensaje era de preparar el camino del Señor, los animaba a enderezar su vida para merecer recibir al mesías.

Necesitamos arrepentirnos y buscar el perdón de Dios y de aquellos a quienes hemos herido: el mensaje de Juan nos llama a confrontar y confesar nuestros pecados. Luego, necesitamos perdonar a otros que nos han ofendido y pedir perdón por nuestras ofensas.

¡Por todos los medios, alegrémonos! Dios está con nosotros en Jesús. Pero tenemos que enfrentar el desafío de permanecer agradables a los ojos del Señor todos los días de nuestra vida. Que este tiempo de Adviento nos traiga la gracia del verdadero arrepentimiento y conversión al Señor.

Agradezco su generosa contribución al éxito del ministerio pastoral en nuestras parroquias desde el comienzo de este año.

Mi oración es que Jesús renazca en sus corazones y vidas durante la Navidad y todos los días del Año Nuevo 2023. Que Él irradie Su presencia desde dentro de ustedes a los demás a través del perdón incondicional y el servicio humilde.

Que el Santo Niño de Belén os bendiga con salud en cuerpo y alma y os conceda un Año Nuevo lleno de paz y bendición. Oremos unos por otros durante nuestras Santas Misas de Navidad y todos los días en el Año Nuevo. Feliz navidad y próspero año nuevo.

December 2022

December 2022						
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January 2023						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nov 27 8:30am RL Sunday Mass 11:30am SJ Sunday Mass 2:30pm Misa en Español	28	29	30	Dec 1 6:00pm SJ Misa en Español seguida con Adoracion del Santisimo Sacramento	2 9:00am SJ weekday Mass	3 10:00am AS Mass/ Holy Hour and Benediction 5:00pm AS Vigil Mass
4 8:30am RL Sunday Mass 11:30am SJ Sunday Mass 2:30pm Misa en Español	5	6 5:30pm AS PARISH COUNCIL	7 9:00am SJ weekday Mass 5:00pm AS - IMMACUALTE CONCEPTION	8 9:00am SJ MASS (EN) 12:00pm MASS RL 6:00pm SJ MISA (SP)	9 9:00am SJ weekday Mass	10 5:00pm AS Vigil Mass
11 8:30am RL Sunday Mass 11:30am SJ Sunday Mass 2:30pm Misa en Español 11:45pm Las Mañanitas	12 12:00am Las Mañanitas de la virgen de Guadalupe 6:00pm Misa en Español	13	14 9:00am SJ weekday Mass 1:00pm SJ Parkinsons Support Group 6:00pm RL FINANCE	15 6:00pm SJ Misa en Español seguida con Adoracion del Santisimo Sacramento	16 9:00am SJ weekday Mass	17 5:00pm AS Vigil Mass 6:30pm AS Covered Dish
18 8:30am RL Sunday Mass 11:30am SJ Sunday Mass 2:30pm Misa en Español	19	20	21 9:00am SJ weekday Mass	22 6:00pm SJ Misa en Español seguida con Adoracion del Santisimo Sacramento	23 9:00am SJ weekday Mass	24 Christmas Eve (United States) 5:00pm AS Vigil Mass 8:00pm Misa de Vigilia de la Natividad
25 8:30am RL CHRISTMAS Mass 11:30am SJ CHRISTMAS Mass 2:30pm Misa en Español	26	27	28 NO DAILY MASS OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED	29	30	31 New Year's Eve (United States) 5:00pm AS Vigil Mass

1 December 2022 – Thursday	8 December 2022 – Thursday	14 December 2022 – Wednesday	21 December 2022 – Wednesday	26 December 2022 – Monday
First Reading: Isaiah 26 : 1-6	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE Blessed Virgin MARY Solemnity, Holy Day of Obligation	First Reading: Isaiah 45 : 6c-8, 18, 21c-25	Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor	First Reading: Acts 6 : 8-10; 7: 54-59
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 118 : 1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a	First Reading: Genesis 3 : 9-15, 20	Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 85 : 9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14	First Reading: Songs 2 : 8-14 or Zephaniah 3 : 14-18a	Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 31 : 3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17
Alleluia: Isaiah 55 : 6	Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 98 : 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4	Alleluia: Isaiah 40 : 9-10	Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 33 : 2-3, 11-12, 20-21	Alleluia: Psalms 118 : 26a, 27a
Gospel: Matthew 7 : 21, 24-27	Second Reading: Ephesians 1 : 3-6, 11-12	Gospel: Luke 7 : 18b-23	Gospel: Luke 1 : 39-45	Gospel: Matthew 10 : 17-22
2 December 2022 – Friday	9 December 2022 – Friday	15 December 2022 – Thursday	22 December 2022 – Thursday	27 December 2022 – Tuesday
First Reading: Isaiah 29 : 17-24	First Reading: Isaiah 48 : 17-19	First Reading: Isaiah 54 : 1-10	First Reading: First Samuel 1 : 24-28	First Reading: First John 1 : 1-4
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 27 : 1, 4, 13-14	Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 1 : 1-2, 3, 4 and 6	Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 30 : 2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b	Responsorial Psalm: First Samuel 2 : 1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd	Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 97 : 1-2, 5-6, 11-12
Gospel: Matthew 9 : 27-31	Gospel: Matthew 11 : 16-19	Alleluia: Luke 3 : 4, 6	Gospel: Luke 1 : 46-56	Gospel: John 20 : 1a and 2-8
3 December 2022 – Saturday	10 December 2022 – Saturday	16 December 2022 – Friday	23 December 2022 – Friday	28 December 2022 – Wednesday
First Reading: Isaiah 30 : 19-21, 23-26	First Reading: Sirach 48 : 1-4, 9-11	First Reading: Isaiah 56 : 1-3a, 6-8	First Reading: Malachi 3 : 1-4, 23-24	First Reading: First John 1 : 5 – 2: 2
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 147 : 1-2, 3-4, 5-6	Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 80 : 2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19	Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 67 : 2-3, 5, 7-8	Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 25 : 4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14	Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 124 : 2-3, 4-5, 7b-8
Alleluia: Isaiah 33 : 22	Alleluia: Luke 3 : 4, 6	Gospel: Matthew 11 : 1-17	Gospel: Luke 1 : 57-66	Gospel: Matthew 2 : 13-18
Gospel: Matthew 9 : 35 – 10: 1, 5a, 6-8	Gospel: Matthew 17 : 9a, 10-13	Gospel: Matthew 1 : 1-17	Gospel: Luke 1 : 57-66	
4 December 2022 – Sunday	11 December 2022 – Sunday	17 December 2022 – Saturday	24 December 2022 – Saturday	29 December 2022 – Thursday
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	First Reading: Genesis 49 : 2, 8-10	First Reading: Second Samuel 7 : 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16	First Reading: First John 2 : 3-11
First Reading: Isaiah 11 : 1-10	First Reading: Isaiah 35 : 1-6a, 10	Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 72 : 1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17	Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 89 : 2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29	Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 96 : 1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 72 : 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17	Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 146 : 6-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10	Gospel: Matthew 11 : 2-11	Gospel: Luke 1 : 67-79	Alleluia: Luke 2 : 32
Second Reading: Romans 15 : 4-9	Second Reading: James 5 : 7-10	Gospel: Matthew 11 : 2-11	Gospel: Luke 1 : 67-79	Gospel: Luke 2 : 22-35
Alleluia: Luke 3 : 4, 6	Alleluia: Isaiah 61 : 1			
Gospel: Matthew 3 : 1-12	Gospel: Matthew 11 : 2-11			
5 December 2022 – Monday	12 December 2022 – Monday	18 December 2022 – Sunday	25 December 2022 – Sunday	30 December 2022 – Friday
First Reading: Isaiah 35 : 1-10	Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (O Adonai)	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD Solemnity / Vigil	First Reading: Sirach 3 : 2-6, 12-14 or Colossians 3 : 12-21 or Colossians 3 : 12-17
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 85 : 9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14	First Reading: Zechariah 2 : 14-17 or Revelation 11 : 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab	First Reading: Isaiah 7 : 10-14	First Reading: Isaiah 62 : 1-5	Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 128 : 1-2, 3, 4-5
Gospel: Luke 5 : 17-26	Responsorial Psalm: Judith 13 : 18bcde, 19	Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 24 : 1-2, 3-4, 5-6	Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 89 : 4-5, 16-17, 27, 29	Alleluia: Colossians 3 : 15a, 16a
	Gospel: Luke 1 : 26-38 or Luke 1 : 39-47	Second Reading: Romans 1 : 1-7	Second Reading: Acts 13 : 16-17, 22-25	Gospel: Matthew 2 : 13-15, 19-23
		Alleluia: Matthew 1 : 23	Gospel: Matthew 1 : 1-25	
		Gospel: Matthew 1 : 18-24		
6 December 2022 – Tuesday	13 December 2022 – Tuesday	19 December 2022 – Monday	25 December 2022 – Sunday	31 December 2022 – Saturday
First Reading: Isaiah 40 : 1-11	First Reading: Zephaniah 3 : 1-2, 9-13	First Reading: Judges 13 : 2-7, 24-25a	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD Solemnity / Day	First Reading: First John 2 : 18-21
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 96 : 1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13	Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 34 : 2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23	Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 71 : 3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17	First Reading: Isaiah 52 : 7-10	Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 96 : 1-2, 11-12, 13
Gospel: Matthew 18 : 12-14	Gospel: Matthew 21 : 28-30	Gospel: Luke 1 : 5-25	Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 98 : 1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6	Alleluia: John 1 : 14a,
7 December 2022 – Wednesday		20 December 2022 – Tuesday	Second Reading: Hebrews 1 : 1-6	
First Reading: Isaiah 40 : 25-31		First Reading: Isaiah 7 : 10-14	Gospel: John 1 : 1-18	
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 103 : 1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10		Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 24 : 1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6		
Gospel: Matthew 11 : 28-30		Gospel: Luke 1 : 26-38		

THE 4 WEEKS OF ADVENT - THE CANDLES AND THE WREATH

Advent is celebrated four consecutive weeks before Christmas. With the season of Advent, starts the lighting of different candles.

Traditionally, each of the five Advent candles have a deeper meaning which is depicted in the four weeks we celebrate this season of waiting, watching and expecting Jesus.

FIRST CANDLE SIGNIFIES HOPE

"PROPHECY CANDLE"

The first candle, which is purple, symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.



Here's the specific meaning of the four weeks of Advent:
WEEK 1
The 1st Sunday of Advent symbolizes HOPE with the

"PROPHET'S CANDLE" reminding us that Jesus is coming. (Purple Candle)

The first week of this Advent reminds us of the coming of Jesus Christ the Redeemer. The first week marked with a purple candle has the meaning of HOPE. We all look forward to Christ's coming full of joy and hope. The first candle this week is called the Candle of the Prophet who reminds us that the coming of Jesus as Messiah has been preached by the prophets.

And again, Isaiah says,
"The Root of Jesse will spring up,
one who will arise to rule over the nations;
in him the Gentiles will hope."

(Isaiah 11:10)

WEEK 2
The 2nd Sunday of Advent symbolizes FAITH with the

SECOND CANDLE SIGNIFIES PEACE

"BETHLEHEM CANDLE"

The second candle, also purple, represents peace. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.



"BETHLEHEM CANDLE" reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. (Purple Candle)

The second week of Advent has the meaning of FAITH and LOVE. In this second week the second purple candle is lit, reminding us to remain faithful to prepare the way for the coming of the Lord. We are required to prepare our hearts and love for the coming of Christ.

The second candle is called the Bethlehem Wax which means that our Savior Jesus Christ will be born in our hearts.

As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

"A voice of one calling in the wilderness,

"Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.

Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low.

The crooked roads shall become straight,
the rough ways smooth.

And all people will see God's salvation."

(Luke 3: 4-6)

WEEK 3

The 3rd Sunday of Advent symbolizes JOY

with the

"SHEPHERD'S

CANDLE" re-

minding us of

the Joy the

world experi-

enced at the

coming birth of

Jesus. (Pink

Candle)

The third week of Advent is

marked by two purple candle bars and one pink candle. This third week reminds us of JOY. We are together delighted to welcome the birth of Jesus our Savior.

The third candle is called the Shepherds Candle because the news of joy about the birth of Jesus Christ was first communicated to humble and sincere people. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas.

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."

(Luke 2:10)

The third candle is rose and symbolizes joy. It is called the "Shepherd's Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy.

"SHEPHERD'S CANDLE"

SIGNIFIES JOY
THIRD CANDLE



SAINT JOSEPH FINANCIALS LAST MONTH AND YTD NOVEMBER 2022		ALL SAINTS FINANCIALS LAST MONTH AND YTD NOVEMBER 2022		RISEN LORD FINANCIALS LAST MONTH AND YTD NOVEMBER 2022	
INCOME	\$16,133.78	INCOME	\$10,348.85	INCOME	\$7,159.54
EXPENSES	\$7,159.68	EXPENSES	\$11,686.89	EXPENSES	\$3,279.54
NET +(-)	\$8,974.10	NET +(-)	\$(1,338.04)	NET +(-)	\$3,880.00
YEAR TO DATE		YEAR TO DATE		YEAR TO DATE	
INCOME	\$47,243.65	INCOME	\$45,959.19	INCOME	\$29,894.36
EXPENSES	\$42,447.20	EXPENSES	\$39,251.96	EXPENSES	\$18,394.52
NET +(-)	\$4,796.45	NET +(-)	\$6,707.43	NET +(-)	\$11,499.84
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WEEK 4
The 4th
Sunday
of Advent
symboliz-
es Peace
with the
"ANGEL'S
CANDLE"
remind-
ing us of
the mes-
sage of
the an-
gels:
"Peace
on Earth,

whiter than snow.

The Christ Candle is the fifth Advent Candle, positioned in the center of the wreath. This Advent Candle's color is white. It is lit on Christmas Eve as a remembrance of Christ coming into the world.

THE WREATH

The Advent wreath first appeared in Germany in 1839. Lutheran minister Johann Hinrich Wichern working at a mission for children created a wreath out of the wheel of a cart. He placed twenty small red candles and four large white candles inside the ring. The red candles were lit on weekdays and the four white candles were lit on Sundays.



The Advent wreath, which has German origins, is probably the most recognized Advent custom. It is a wreath made of evergreens that is bound to a circle of wire.

The evergreens used for the wreath itself are a reminder of continuous life. The shaping of them into a circle reinforces that meaning.

The circle is also a sign of everlasting life as well as the eternity of God. It symbolizes the many years from Adam to Christ in which the world awaited its Redeemer; it also represents the years that we have awaited His second and final coming. The wreath holds four equally spaced candles, the three purple ones lit on the penitential Sundays and a pink one for Gaudete, the joyful third Sunday in Advent. The seedpods, nuts and pinecones used to decorate the wreath are symbolic of resurrection, and fruits represent the nourishing fruitfulness of the Christian life.

Additional decorations, like holly and berries, are sometimes added. Their red color points ahead to Jesus' sacrifice and death on the cross, shedding his blood for our sins.

The laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering; pine, holly, and yew, immortality; and cedar, strength and healing. Holly also has a special Christian symbolism: The prickly leaves remind us of the crown of thorns, and one English legend tells of how the cross was made of holly.

Good Will Toward Men." (Purple Candle)

This is the last week of Advent. The fourth week of special significance PEACE is characterized by three purple candle bars and one pink candle.

The fourth week of Advent reminds us of the glory of God, the owner of the universe. Together we rejoice in His coming.

The fourth candle is called the Angel Candle that symbolizes happiness and joy to welcome the Savior.

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

(Luke 2:14)

WHITE CANDLE OR THE CHRIST CANDLE

The fifth candle which is placed at the center of the wreath is called the "CHRIST CANDLE" which reminds us of Jesus who is at the center of the season. It is lit on Christmas Eve. Jesus alone is the reason why we celebrate Christmas.

(White Candle)

White is the color of Advent representing purity and light. Christ is the sinless, spotless, pure Savior. He is the light come into a dark and dying world. Also, those who receive Jesus Christ as Savior are washed of their sins and made

A Christmas Time Prayer for Country Living

Lord Jesus Christ, when,
on a winter's night I look up through the clear air at the
stars,

I can be very close to You
and to Your native Bethle-
hem.

It was at night that You first
came to this earth.

It was under the same stars
that now gleam in this night
sky

that Mary first held You in
her arms.

It was by the faint light of
these stars

still shining tonight that the
shepherds found their way

to the stable,

and discovered You,

as the angels had said they would,
lying in a manger.

Dear Christ, it is especially at Christmas time
that I see and understand how close You are
to those who live on the land.

We have so many reminders of You!

The stars and moon at night and the sun by day,

the same stars under which You were born;

the same moon that shone that night on Bethlehem;

the same sun that brightened Your first days on earth.



The stable, and the farm animals
that shared their quarters and their warmth with You,
their creator.

The sheep and the shepherds that came to adore You,
rough men, but good,
truthful, honest, and sin-
cere.

O Jesus, Son of the ever-
lasting God,

You are so wonderfully
made one of us at Christ-
mas time!

You are our God,
but You are our Brother,
too.

You are our King,
but You come as a help-
less little baby,
longing for our love.

Help us today and al-

ways to see You

in all those with whom we come in contact.

Let us never forget Your own instruction,
that whatever we do for the least of those around us,
we do for You.

Help us always to serve You in the generous,
selfless spirit of this season,

and we shall then be real Christians,
more and more like You, other Christs.
Amen.

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