

Advent Calendar

Week one: *FAITH*

This week we will light the green candle. The green candle reminds us of FAITH, "The faith we have is that God will keep his promise to send His Son."

Week two: *HOPE*

Light the blue candle, which signifies HOPE. The blue candle reminds us of the hope we have that Christ will come again this year to bring new joy into our lives.

Week three: *LOVE*

This week we will light the gold candle, which signifies LOVE. The gold candle reminds us of the words of St. John when he said, "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son."

Week four: *PEACE*

This week we will light the white candle, which represents PEACE. The white candle reminds us of the angel's message to the shepherds, "Peace on earth and good will towards men."

Week five: *REPENTANCE*

This week we will light the purple candle, which signifies REPENTANCE. The purple candle reminds us of our need to repent (ask forgiveness). Before we meet the coming of Christ, before Christmas, we should try to make our spiritual lives right again.

Week six: *HOLY COMMUNION*

This week we will light the red candle, which signifies HOLY COMMUNION. The red candle reminds us that Christ who was born in Bethlehem and who will come again at the end of time, comes to us now in the sacrament of Holy Communion. The reason he was born in Bethlehem was that we might allow him to come and be born in the manger of our hearts.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Today we will light the large candle, which represents CHRIST. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given and his name shall be called Wonderful."