









Service Schedule

All services begin at 11:15 am

December—Advent

Sunday 3 The First Sunday in Advent

Sunday 10 The Second Sunday in Advent

Sunday 17 The Third Sunday in Advent

Sunday 24 The Fourth Sunday in Advent (Christmas Eve)

Monday 25 The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Christmas)

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The Advent Wreath

The day before Advent begins with the "Blessing of the Wreath"

All candles are lit and this prayer is recited

"Oh, God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessing upon this wreath, and grant that wee who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces, Through Christ our Lord, Amen"

Then, every Sunday in Advent light one purple candle(except the third week, light a pink candle)

<u>The First Week</u> "Oh Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come, that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Th deliverance. Through Christ our Lord, Amen"

<u>The Second Week</u> "Oh, Lord stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Through Christ our Lord, Amen." <u>The Third Week</u> "Oh, Lord we beg Thee, incline Thy ear to our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Through Christ our Lord, Amen."

The joyful Sunday in Advent, which is known as "Gaudete", is represented by rose instead of the penitential purple color. Each night during the third week the mother of the family lights the rose candle, as well as the two previously burned purple candles.

<u>The Fourth Week</u> "Oh, Lord stir up Thy power we pray Thee, and come: and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Through our Lord Christ, Amen."

<u>After Advent</u> For the Christmas Season which follows immediately after Advent, candles and ribbons can be changed to white. Lighting all four white candles during the principal meal each day of the Christmas Season is a customary and appropriate practice.

