

November 23, 2022

Advent, the Beginning of the New Liturgical Year

Advent begins four Sundays before the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas). We call these days and nights prior to Christmas Day *Advent* which means *coming*. It serves as a time of preparation for the feast of the Lord's Nativity as we await the coming of the Son of God in the city of David. We prepare by reading and singing about God's promises. We tell stories of many holy people. We also ready ourselves and our hearts by sharing God's love through acts of generosity, kindness, and peace with each other.

The four candles of the Advent wreath reflect God's grace for us.

- Week One: **Hope**
- Week Two: **Peace**
- Week Three: **Joy**
- Week Four: **Love**



The new liturgical calendar begins November 27 with the First Sunday of Advent. There are several special church services and Masses that we may want to include in our own calendars:

Friday	Nov. 25	12:10 p.m.	Seniors Healing Mass, <i>(also live streamed)</i>
Sunday	Nov. 27	11:00 a.m.	Knights of Columbus <i>Novena for Life</i> Begins <i>Novena for Life</i> is November 27-December 5
Thursday	Dec. 15	7:00 p.m.	General Absolution Advent Service
Friday	Dec. 16	12:10 p.m.	Seniors Healing Mass, <i>(also live streamed)</i>
Christmas Season Mass Schedule			
Saturday	Dec. 24	5:00 p.m.	Mass with Children's Pageant, <i>(also live streamed)</i> Mass Mass
		8:00 p.m.	
		10:30 p.m.	
Sunday	Dec. 25	9:00 a.m.	Mass Mass with Children's Choir <i>(also live streamed)</i>
		11:00 a.m.	