

Advent in the Family

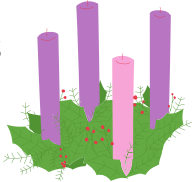
Waiting in Joyful Hope



Starts
Nov. 29th!

Make or Customize your own Advent Wreath

Use an existing wreath and add your own decorations or build one from scratch! Collect materials from your house or yard such as evergreen branches, pinecones, acorns, berries, ribbon, bows, flowers, or garland. Get 3 purple candles and 1 rose (pink) candle – taper candles or votives work.



An **alternative idea** to the traditional wreath on the table is making a **stained glass wreath** out of tissue paper for a window or door: <https://kindercraze.com/stained-glass-window-craft-christmas/>.

Say a little prayer to bless your wreath and your Advent journey as a family. Then, each night at dinner or at your family prayer time, light the candle(s) and say the prayer of the week (*below*) - rotate readers!

Weekly Prayers

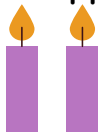
Opening Prayer: **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.** (all)



Week 1 - Hope



Lord Jesus, we begin this Advent season waiting in joyful hope. May we trust that your hope does not disappoint. Let us find hope in our hearts and in every situation, knowing that you come and dwell in, with, and through each of us. Give us the hope of everlasting life in heaven.



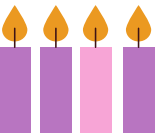
Week 2 - Preparation

Thank you Heavenly Father for this season of waiting. In waiting, we learn to listen to you and what you want from us. As we prepare for your 2nd coming and our entrance into heaven, may you remind us that you have a specific plan in mind for each of our lives.



Week 3 - Joy

Come Holy Spirit and increase our joy. Light our way especially during dark times in our lives. Let us shine our lights to others. We sing your praises as we look forward to the best gift of Christmas - the gift of Jesus, our savior and friend



Week 4 - Love

God, you are the creator and source of all love. Enkindle in us the fire of your love. May our family grow in love of you and each other. May we find your love in all things. As the season of Advent ends, and Christmas begins, may we remember to always wait in joyful hope, full of your peace.

Closing prayer:

St. Joseph, **pray for us** and increase faith and vocations in the Diocese of Syracuse

Amen.



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