

Gathered Around the Advent Wreath

First Sunday of Advent

HOPE



Praying in Faith

Hope is the call to place our trust in God and know he will fulfill his promise. As we begin the season of Advent, we light one purple candle and we wrap around it the ribbon of Hope. The ribbon of Hope reminds each of us that Christ is coming, so we must transform our hearts to welcome him. We ask Jesus to make us people of hope and help us get ready for his birth.

Learning in Faith

Advent means “coming” and it reminds us that Jesus will come again. During these four weeks, Jesus wants us to prepare our hearts, so when he comes again we will be ready. Advent is also the start of a new liturgical year. Today and for the coming year we are in Cycle C where the Gospel of Luke will be used. The new liturgical year invites us to make a fresh start – to always be awake and ready for Jesus.

Living in Faith

During the week, you are invited to pray together as a family and/or individually. You can do this by opening a passage of scripture, praying the rosary, or using another form of prayer.