

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2016

*We are St. Thomas More Parish,
members of the living Body of Christ,
born again in Baptism
and strengthened through the Eucharist
to promote the Gospel values of our Catholic faith.*

Mass Schedule

Saturday (Vigil Mass) - 5:30 pm

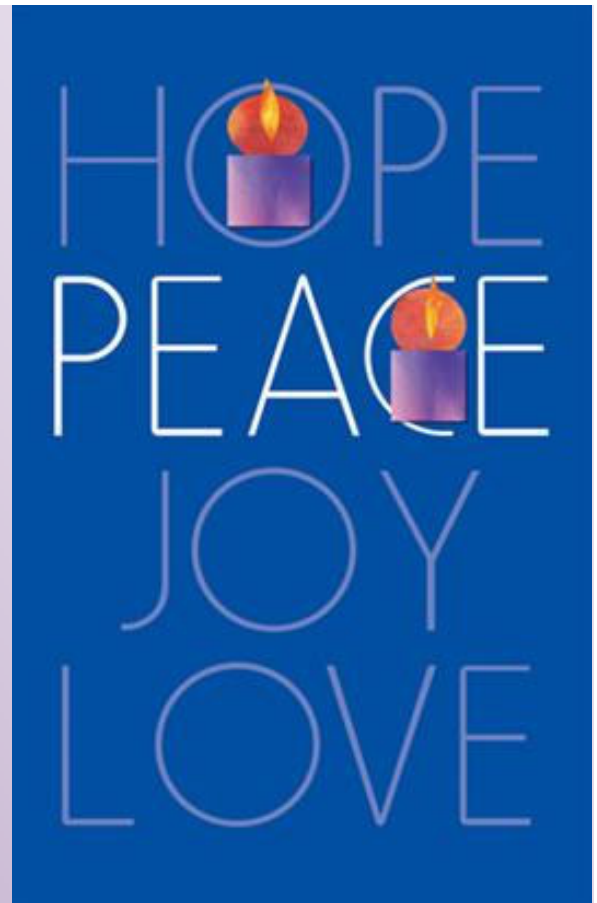
Sunday - 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 1:00 pm in Spanish

Monday & Thursday - 6:00 pm Tuesday & Friday - 7:00 am

Reconciliation

Thursday 5:30 - 6:00 pm & Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration - Works of Mercy Chapel



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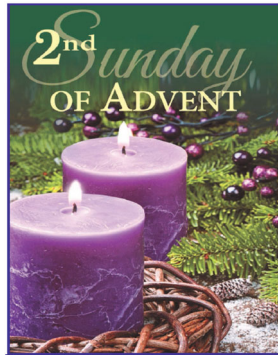
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“...welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you.”

St. Paul writes in his letter to the Romans, our Second Reading on this Second Sunday of Advent: “May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another.” That statement is prayer-like, something that Paul tends to do in his letters, because Paul recognizes and knows that it is only through the Holy Spirit that each of us can find that internal conversion to have the same endurance and patience to achieve the harmony for which we seek.



That in part is what we are striving for during this Advent season. Often, especially at this time of year, we are in a hurry. God may seem to work too slowly for us. God’s plan is based upon patience and endurance. Paul continues that we need to “...welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you.” Christ does indeed welcome us with all our faults and our sins as well. Throughout His ministry the Lord called us to treat one another, to love one another, as He treats and loves us.

As part of our Advent journey we need to work toward finding that same love in our hearts that the Lord feels for us. First, we need to recognize and accept that love. Then we need to seek the conversion that allows us to translate that love into our treatment of others. This is, in effect, what stewardship is all about — to glorify God in our actions by thinking of others first, by sharing who and what we are.

MASS  **SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

Saturday, December 3

5:30 pm Norma Avra (d)

Sunday, December 4 *Second Sunday of Advent*

9:00 am Our Parish Family
 11:00 am Leon Higdon (d)
 1:00 pm *Mass in Spanish*
 Joe Snyder (d), Charles Snyder (d)
 & Victoria Morris (d)

Monday, December 5

6:00 pm J. Burnie Carroll (d)

Tuesday, December 6

7:00 am Gladys Evanson (d)

Wednesday, December 7

9:30 am *Superior Care ~ Fr. Brad Whistle*
 Marvin Morris (d)
 12:00 pm *Lourdes Chapel ~ Fr. Brad Whistle*
 David Blackwell (d)

Thursday, December 8 *The Immaculate Conception*

7:00 am Richard F. Ernst (d)
 9:00 am *SMHS ~ Fr. Brad Whistle*
 Loretta Watson (d)
 6:00 pm Jean Galvin (d)

Friday, December 9

7:00 am Yvonne Bosch (b)

Saturday, December 10

5:30 pm Claude & Tina Brannon (d)

Sunday, December 11 *Third Sunday of Advent*

9:00 am Otis Shaw (d)
 11:00 am Our Parish Family
 1:00 pm *Mass in Spanish*
 All Souls

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Regular Collection	\$21,551.00
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Special Collections	<u>\$ 195.00</u>
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Liturgical Ministers Schedule December 10/11

	5:30 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Sacristan	Diana Black	Rose Ann Walker	John Roof
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Servers	Marliese Dawson Allison Shockley	Edward O'Neill Daniel Willett	Billy Johnston Nikolay Roof
Greeter Families	Artie Brannon Chris Jones Steve Wurth	Mike Bosch Tamara Carter Geoffrey Newton	Brian Johnston Betty McManus Jennifer Todd
Ushers	David Carrico Lance Fleming Stephen Kettler David Mast Brian Morrow Vicki Tracy	Mike Clark Craig Jones Bonnie Stewart Ken Wurth Kevin Wurth Mike Wurth	Keith Cash Tessa Cash Kyle Rea Mike Rea Kenlin Thomas Kiael Waldon
Children's Liturgy	Marlena Jones Madison Patel	Missy O'Neill Bailey Ellingsworth	April Baker Kiael Waldon

What's Happening

Sunday, December 4

- 10:00 am** Coffee & Doughnuts (Parish Hall)
- 1:30 pm** Confirmation Class (Parish Hall)
- 4:00 pm** Middle School Youth (Library)
- 4:00 pm** First Reconciliation (Church)

Monday, December 5

- 6:00 pm** Anointing of the Sick (Chapel)

Tuesday, December 6

- 7:30 am** Rosary (Chapel)
- 6:00 pm** Hispanic Confirmation (Sacred Heart Room)
- 6:00 pm** Over 50's Potluck (Parish Hall)

Wednesday, December 7

- 9:00 am** Mother's Day Out (Nursery/Library)
- 6:15 pm** Faith Formation (SMES)
- 7:00 pm** Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Thursday, December 8

- 7:00 am** Holy Day Mass (Church)
- 5:30 pm** Reconciliation (Chapel)
- 6:00 pm** Holy Day Mass (Church)
- 6:30 pm** Knights of Columbus (Library)
- 6:45 pm** Stewardship Committee (Hospitality Room)
- 6:45 pm** RCIA (Parish Hall)
- 7:30 pm** Hispanic Women's Mtg. (Sacred Heart Room)

Friday, December 9

- 7:30 pm** Hispanic Men's Mtg. (Sacred Heart Room)

Saturday, December 10

- 7:30 am** Men's Prayer Breakfast (Parish Hall)
- 4:00 pm** Reconciliation (Church)
- 6:30 pm** Couples in Christ (Parish Hall)

Sunday, December 11

- 10:00 am** No Coffee & Doughnuts
- 10:00 am** BP Checks (Hospitality Room)
- 10:00 am** Giving Tree (Parish Hall)
- 4:00 pm** Middle School Youth (Library)
- 4:00 pm** Penance Service (Church)
- 5:00 pm** Bible Study (Hospitality Room)

Hour of Prayer

Monday:

Theresa Owens & Shirley Renaud

Tuesday:

Jim Garrett & Tamara Jones

Wednesday:

Andy & Susie Gilland

Thursday:

Frances O'Bryan & Marty Ryan

Friday:

David & Sally Roof

Saturday:

Tim Whitelock & Nadie Vance

**RCIA topic for Thursday, December 8
Original Sin and the Mystery of Iniquity**

Meeting time: 6:45 pm in the Parish Hall. All members of the parish are welcome to attend any of this year's RCIA sessions. Each meeting will provide an opportunity for refreshment of your understanding of what the Catholic faith professes. No need to reserve. Just come in if you are interested. For more information, please contact Pat Cairney at pcairney@stmores.org.



Vocation Awareness

"Prepare the way of the Lord..."

John the Baptist was called to lead others to Jesus by challenging them to "repent!" Each of us is uniquely called to prepare the way of the Lord and lead others to Him by faithfully and courageously living out our own vocations. To learn more about discerning your vocation, contact the Vocations Office at 270-683-1545, ja-son.mcclure@pastoral.org, www.owensborovocations.com

Eternal Rest

Thomas Brumlow, father of Sharon Brumlow, passed away Saturday, November 19, 2016.

Christine Clark Rodgers, mother of Sheree (Bill) Halicks, passed away Friday, November 25, 2016.

May God welcome them home and comfort their families in this time of sorrow.



Advent Communal Penance Services

St. Thomas More	Sunday, December 11	4:00 pm
St. Francis de Sales	Monday, December 12	6:00 pm
St. John the Evangelist	Tuesday, December 13	6:00 pm
St. Mary (LaCenter)	Wednesday, December 14	6:00 pm
Rosary Chapel	Thursday, December 15	6:00 pm

Holy Day Mass

St. Mary School System will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on **Thursday, December 8**, 9:00 am in the St. Mary MS/HS Commons. We invite all families and parishioners to join with our students as we celebrate the Feast Day of our Patroness.

Update Regarding Hearing Aids

All devices have fresh batteries and new ear buds. They have each been checked out and are in working order. If you have any problems with a device, contact Melisa Mast in the Parish Office. If you borrow a device, please return it to the cabinet immediately after Mass.

Job Opportunity

The Diocese of Owensboro has a job opportunity for a Chief Financial Officer in the Office of Administration. This position is located at the McRaith Catholic Center in Owensboro, KY. The Diocese encompasses 78 parishes and 17 schools in western Kentucky.

Position Summary: The Chief Financial Officer is responsible for the overall financial management of the Diocese and the fiscal resources in support of the mission and goals of the Diocese.

Contact Details:

The Diocese of Owensboro is an equal opportunity employer that provides a wide range of benefits. All interested applicants may submit a resume and cover letter to:

Email – Diocese.hr@pastoral.org

Daughters of Isabella Christmas Tea

The Daughters of Isabella Christmas Tea will be today, **Sunday, December 4** at the home of Pat Gregory from 2:00-4:00 pm. Please bring 10 food items for the food baskets to donate to families of each parish. Also bring an hors d'oeuvre to share. Guests are welcome, members expected. The DofI and SOS will each have a short business meeting at the Tea. Please contact Sheri Babbs at 270-832-0958 or sbabbs@comcast.net.



Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered during the 6:00 pm Mass in the Works of Mercy Chapel **Monday, December 5**. It will continue on the first Monday of each month.

“Anointing of the Sick is the sacrament that is received by those who are ill or suffering. By the anointing and the prayer of the priest, the whole Church commends those who are sick to Christ. The sick person receives the Holy Spirit’s gifts of strength, faith, peace, and courage, and his or her suffering is united with the suffering of Christ for the building up of the Church.”

(Catechism of the Catholic Church [CCC], nos. 1520-23).

The sacrament may be administered to those who are chronically ill, who are facing major surgery, the elderly, to those who suffer from depression and anxiety, those in danger of death or to anyone who truly feels a deep need for the gifts and grace of the Holy Spirit.

This is a wonderful opportunity for yourself or to assist a friend or relative who may be in need of this sacrament.

Over 50’s Potluck



The next Over 50’s Potluck will be **Tuesday, December 6** at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Please bring one or two dishes of meat, vegetables, salads or desserts. For more information, please call the Parish Office at 270-534-9000.

Spiritual Direction

Sister Betty Drewes, a Benedictine Sister from Ferdinand, IN comes to Saint Thomas More Parish once a month to provide spiritual direction for anyone seeking to deepen their relationship with God. If you want to schedule an appointment with Sister Betty for spiritual direction, please email her at bdrewes@thedome.org or call 812-367-1411, extension 2902. She will be here at the parish **December 6, 7, & 8**.

Theology on Tap

The next Theology on Tap will be held **Thursday, December 15** at Paducah BeerWerks at 7:00 pm. Joe Bland, Director of Family Life with the Owensboro Diocese, will discuss the topic “God Wants to Marry You.” Invite your friends and make plans to attend.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

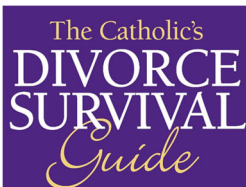
Thursday, December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation. Many people mistakenly believe that the Immaculate Conception refers to the conception of Jesus Christ. Jesus' conception was most assuredly immaculate, but the Immaculate Conception does not refer to Jesus at all. The Immaculate Conception is a doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church in regards to Mary, Jesus' mother. An official statement of the doctrine reads, "The blessed Virgin Mary to have been, from the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of Almighty God, in view of the merits of Christ Jesus the Savior of Mankind, preserved free from all stain of original sin." Essentially, the Immaculate Conception is the belief that Mary was protected from original sin, that Mary did not have a sinful nature, and was, in fact, sinless.



Area Mass times are:

St. Thomas More	Thursday, December 8	7:00 am & 6:00 pm
St. Mary High School	Thursday, December 8	9:00 am
St. Francis de Sales	Wednesday, December 7	6:00 pm
	Thursday, December 8	12 Noon
Rosary Chapel	Thursday, December 8	6:00 pm
St. John the Evangelist	Wednesday, December 7	6:30 pm
	Thursday, December 8	7:30 am

NEW! Catholic's DIVORCE HEALING Program



The Catholic Churches of McCracken County are pleased to announce the beginning of an exciting, new DVD ministry to men and women who have suffered from divorce: *The Catholic's DIVORCE SURVIVAL Guide*. The 12-week program features 30-minute DVD shows each week that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, the courts, the kids, the ex-spouse,

annulment, dating, sexuality, spirituality, remarriage or staying single, and much more. Whether you got divorced ten days ago or ten years ago, the program offers valuable insight for everyone. **January 8-March 28, 2017**, 3:00-5:00 pm at St. Thomas More's Hospitality room. For more information, call the St. Francis de Sale Parish office (270) 442-1923 or St. Thomas More Parish office (270)534-9000.

Catholic Men's Conference

The Diocese of Owensboro is pleased to welcome Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York, along with Fr. Larry Richards and Robert Rogers to the **February 11, 2017** Catholic Men's Conference of Western Kentucky. This year's conference will take place at the RiverPark Center in downtown Owensboro. Tickets are available at kycatholic.com.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

A *Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Healing the Wounds of Abortion* will be offered the weekend of **January 13-15, 2017** in the Diocese of Owensboro, Kentucky. Participation in this retreat is open to any woman or man who has been involved, or touched by, abortion. If you have lost a child or grandchild, or a sibling, nephew or niece, to abortion, or if you have at any time in your life been involved in an abortion, then the Lord Jesus would like to offer you both healing and peace! Both Catholics and non-Catholics are welcome to participate, and our retreat is conducted with absolute confidentiality. For more information, visit our website: HopeAfterAbortionKY.com, or call Debbie at (270) 570-4717 or Jennifer at (931) 242-5506.

Men's Discernment Retreat

The Men's Discernment Retreat is a retreat for men ages 18-25 who are seriously thinking about their vocation and who have the desire to courageously give their lives to Christ. This retreat is an opportunity to set some time out in silence to listen to the voice of God in your life; listen to inspiring talks and guidance for discernment process; learn the tools of discernment, sharpen your discerning skills and have a one-on-one visit/spiritual direction with a priest. There is no cost to the participants. The Men's Discernment Retreat will be held on **December 16-17** at St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. Registration deadline is December 12th.

For more information, contact the vocations office: 270-683-1545, ja-son.mcclure@pastoral.org,

Considering Adoption?

Catholic Charities of Owensboro serves pregnant women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy and couples who wish to adopt. Call 270-852-8328 or visit KyCaringConnection.org to learn more!

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 35:1-10;
Ps 85:9ab, 10-14;
Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11;
Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31;
Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10;
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20;
Ps 98:1-4;
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;
Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Is 48:17-19;
Ps 1:1-4, 6;
Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11;
Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19;
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10;
Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10;
Mt 11:2-11

LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER....

Parishioners: Faye Alexander, Michael Alexander, Mary Gertrude Barkett, Margie Bunte, Celine Crane, Teresa Davis, Pat Dotson, Francie Duncan, Elizabeth Edwards, Morgan Eggemeyer, Gina Fraser, Rose Freiseis, Mary Ann Graves, Wayne & Margaret Hagan, Sheree Halicks, Amy Harris, Jodi Hayden, Ann Heavrin, Joyce Holliday, Kay Hosbach, Alan Hughes, Stephen & Phyllis Kettler, David Kimble, Paul Kortz, Buzz LaGesse, Janie Lamb, Thomas & Janet Montgomery, Sandy Morrow, Sara Beth Neihoff, Ella O'Bryan, Charity Peters, Ronnie Reil, Barbara Robinson, Gaye Robinson, George Shaw, John Shaw, Carolyn Shockley, Nancy Stearns, Monty Thompson, Ann Vaughan, Ann Watkins, Charlie & Linda Wilson, Katherine Wise

Homebound: Mike & Lorna Roper, Gertrude Yopp

Nursing Home: Carol Baugh, Rose de Leo, Jeanette Elliott, Joe & Betty Falconite, Martha Floyd, Mary Galvin, Hester Geuss, James Hennessy, Vonnie Howard, Catherine McManman, John Metcalf, Delphine Operle, Mary Riedfort, Carolyn Webb, Lucienne Willett, Charles Woods

Non-Parishioners: Lucy Adams, Vickie Arellano, Andy Arliskas, Joseph Arant, Beverly Barnhill, Irene Barrale, Sue Belt, Paul Birk, Tim Bishoff, Bill Black, Marshall Blevins, Britney Boyd, Laura Boyd, Christy Brandon, Joe Bratton, Frances Brush, Rebecca Brush, Dr. Danny Butler, Brandon Canada, Robin Halicks Carlino, Teri Carlino, Rita Chi, Bryan Chovancek, Keith & Dina Clark, Jeff Clark, Charles Clem, Jaycie Closs, Hillary Coltharp, John Conelly, Ronald Connor, Susan Conway, Christa Cook, Andrea Culp, T.J. Davidson, Cara Davis, Ruth Davis, Gail Dierols, Chelsea Duncan, Penny Dunn, Shanna Durbin, Haley Eck, Laurie O'Nan Edelen, Jake Edminston, Max Ennis, Randy Erickson, Barbara Felts, Jim Flippen, David Fowlkes, Richard Gates, Christi Gearheard, Charlotte Giannini, Cathy Gibb, Sis Gies, Ella Gilbert, Anne Gill, Joanie Giordano, Mike Girth, Joseph Gobel, Carson Goode, Theresa Grana, Karen Graves, Barbara Greer, Mark Grief, Katie Grimes, Sabrina Hale, Angela Eaton Hamilton, Diane Han, Marilyn Hayden, Earl Henderson, Hannah & Lisa Hills & Kathy, Rick Hinton, Billy Hite, Michael Curtis Hobbs, Carolyn Holf, Hank & Mary Nell Holtermann, Steven Hood, Lucy Howe, Jean Hughes, Noah James, Gilbert Johnson, Ed Kapfhammer, Diane Karnages, Mike Lane, Romano Lee, Rose Lowery, Charles Loyd, Brady Mag-sig, Carol Ann Marazniack, Lindsey Martin, Alicia Martinez Sanches, Linda Massey, Frankie Masterson, Richard Masterson, Joan McCarty, Brandi McDermott, Pat McGrady, Amber McKinley, Fr. Severin Mesick, Carol Miller, Dominic Miller, Julie Miller, Krista Mitchell, David Moehle, Julie Montgomery, Nicole Moore, Jeff Mues, Morgan Nave, Larry Neihoff, Catherine Neihoff-Webb, Randy Newton, Dana Nichols, Michael O'Daniel, Al Olash, Clay Parker, Janice Parker, Reba Parrish, Emily Perrin, Janis Phillips, Melody Pugh, Abigail Puleo, Suzie Reaney, Ray Robertson, Rylee Robinson, Frank Roe, Shirley Rogers, Danny Selts, Laura Shaw, Matthew Shoulta, Mike Smith, Jane Sparks, Kim Street, Gayle Strehl, Kim Swartz, Jay Swinford, Susie Taylor, Nancy Thomas, Devin Thomas, Patty Thomas, Corey Thompson, Ricky Thompson, John Todd, Julie Travis, Tracy Underhill, Pauline Vieta, Kenneth Vogler, Lucille Voytas, Myra Walker, Tom Walker, Madalyn Wallace, Whitney Wallace & Family, Barbara Warner, Tommy Watson, Helen Weiss, Gayle White, Nancy Whitney, Edward Williams, John Willis, Donna Wills, Roger Wilson, Wade Wood, Sylvia & Raymond Yoon, Dr. Michael Younker

Eucharistic Adoration



Come and spend an hour with **Jesus...** Listed below are permanent hours that need to be filled in our Adoration Ministry. Volunteer as a substitute or possibly take an

hour each week.

Sunday ~ 1:00 to 2:00 am
3:00 to 4:00 am
4:00 to 5:00 pm

Monday ~ 1:00 to 2:00 am

Tuesday ~ 1:00 to 2:00 am

Wednesday ~ 12:00 to 1:00 am
1:00 to 2:00 am
4:00 to 5:00 pm

Thursday ~ 12:00 to 1:00 am
1:00 to 2:00 pm

Friday ~ 12:00 to 1:00 am
1:00 to 2:00 pm
4:00 to 5:00 pm

Saturday ~ 12:00 to 1:00 am
1:00 to 2:00 am
3:00 to 4:00 am

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"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. And give us peace. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and

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Mini Edition

Advent Begins *Advent wreath lit*



Advent, the time of preparation for the birth of Jesus has begun at Saint Thomas More and, of course, around the world. This past Sunday marked the first Sunday of Advent and was marked with the lighting of our Advent

Wreath.

The history of the Advent Wreath is relative new with the custom not being fully adopted in the United States until well into the 20th Century. Advent Wreaths are circular, representing God's infinite love and are made of evergreen leaves representing the hope of eternal life brought by Christ.

Within the Advent wreath are candles to represent the four weeks of the Advent season as well as the light of God coming into the world through the birth of Jesus Christ. Each candle has an individual significance as well as the collective meaning.

The candles individually symbolize Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. In the Catholic Church the colors of the four Advent candles are violet and rose, corresponding with the colors of the liturgical vestments for the Sundays of Advent. Violet is the liturgical color for three of the four Sundays of Advent as well as the traditional color of penitential seasons. The Rose color candle represents the liturgical color for the Third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday from the Latin word meaning "to rejoice." This "pause" from the penitential spirit of Advent is to recognize the coming joy of the birth of Christ.



Prayer for the Second Week

In the Bible:

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8.

Prayer:

Father in heaven, during this second week of Advent, help us see clearly the times when we have sinned. Accept our sorrow for having pulled away from you, and give us firm resolve to stay close to you.

Help us conduct ourselves in holiness. We long to be the people you expect us to be. Help us as we strive to make our souls spotless and our hearts and minds at peace.

Don't let us miss chances this week to be welcoming to other people and to work in harmony with everyone. Help us as we try to change our ways so that we are good examples of people who love and follow the Lord.

Amen.



*The
Advent
Season*

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