

Dear Padre,

What do Advent-wreath candles signify?

Most Advent wreaths have three purple candles and one rose candle to echo the liturgical colors of the Church's Advent celebrations.

Whether the wreath is being used at home or in a church, the lighting of the candles should follow the liturgical colors of the Sundays of Advent. The vestments at Mass are purple during the first two weeks of Advent, so we light a purple candle on the first and second Sundays of Advent.

On the third Sunday, the Church celebrates *Gaudete* Sunday or Rejoice

Sunday, named after the first word of the day's traditional entrance verse (Philippians 4:4-5). The priest wears rose vestments at Mass as a sign of our brightening hope and joy, and on the Advent wreath we light the rose candle to reflect the theme of the liturgy. The fourth Sunday of Advent sees the lighting of the last purple candle.

Some churches and families add a fifth candle to their Advent practices by placing a white candle in the center of the wreath. They light this at Christmas, again echoing the Church's liturgical color for the season and rejoicing in Christ our

Lord, whose birth brings light and life to our world.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Advent is a continuous call to hope: it reminds us that God is present in history to lead it to its ultimate goal, to lead it to its fullness, which is the Lord....God is not distant, he is always with us, to the extent that very often he knocks on the door to our heart.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, NOVEMBER 29, 2020

Calendar

Monday

NOVEMBER 29
Advent Weekday

Is 2:1-5

Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 30

St. Andrew,
Apostle

Rom 10:9-18

Mt 4:18-22

Wednesday

DECEMBER 1

Advent Weekday

Is 25:6-10a

Mt 15:29-37

Thursday

DECEMBER 2

Advent Weekday

Is 26:1-6

Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday

DECEMBER 3

St. Francis Xavier,
Priest

Is 29:17-24

Mt 9:27-31

Saturday

DECEMBER 4

Advent Weekday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26

Mt 9:35-10:1,

5a, 6-8

Sunday

DECEMBER 5

Second Sunday

of Advent

Bar 5:1-9

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Lk 3:1-6

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**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
NOVEMBER 28, 2021**



St. Ann Catholic Church & Our Lady of Chartres Mission

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*"There will be signs
in sun and moon and stars,*

St. Ann Mass Schedule & intentions

Nov 27th Sat 4pm Int. Donor

Nov 28th Sun 9 am Parish

Nov 28th Sun 6pm Int donor

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Both before Mass and by Appointment

Mon 8am Int donor

Wed 6pm Int donor

Thurs 8am Int donor

Fri 8am Int donor

Dec 4th 4pm IntDonor

Dec 5th Sun 9 am Parish

Dec 5th Sun 6pm Int donor

Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule.

Sun 7:30 am Jody Pitcock

From Father David's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

[Jesus said,] “Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent.” LUKE 21:36

Birth Day

Our *birth day* is not the anniversary of our birth—that is our birthday. Our *birth day* is the actual day of our birth. However, we do have a second birth day and it is this day to which this Sunday's readings refer. We might call it our final birth day, the day when we are born into fulfillment. Jeremiah assures us that will be the day when God's promises will be fulfilled in us. We will finally have a righteous leader; the nation will be safe, and the place where God dwells amid the people will be secure.

In the Gospel, Jesus is probably speaking figuratively about the end of the world—at least the end of the world as it is known to humans. However, it is not the end of everything, for after cosmic destruction takes place, “then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory” (Luke 21:27). After suffering the so-called birth pangs of the Messiah (see Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time), something new will appear; we will see that our redemption is at hand. We will be born into a new life in a new world.

Advent is the time to look forward to this new birth day of fulfillment. We do not simply await the anniversary of Jesus'

human birth day, for that day announced the coming of the final birth day of each of us. His birth announces our new birth.

For Reflection

- How are you preparing for your final birth day?
- What do you find most striking in today's readings? Why?

WITH PRAYERS

FR. DAVID

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| <u>ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:</u> Identifiable \$1,028.00 loose: \$162.00 Total: \$1,358.00 Children: \$9.65.00 Ach: \$5.00 <u>OLC STEWARDSHIP:</u> Identifiable \$55.00 Loose: \$99.00 Total: \$154.00 |
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Discipleship Quads: We would like to establish this program at St. Ann. It is a form of Bible study. Signup sheets are in the back. Please join. For more information call Fr. David @228-832-2560. Thanks.

Lizana Light: We need donations of food items and cash. If someone is interested, please help us with a donation for this essential ministry. There is a 2nd collection fifth weekend of the month to help this ministry. Thank you.

Thanksgiving Baskets: Thanks to everyone who donated the food items and Turkeys for the thanksgiving basket for the poor to celebrate thanksgiving and also thanks to altar society for great job. Thanks

Advent: Begins November 28th, this weekend.

| MASS | LECTOR | SERVERS | USHERS |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------|----------------|
| Sat Nov 27 th 4pm | Mike West | | Mike West |
| Sun Nov 28 th OLC 7:30 am | Sandra Ammons | | Terry Mitchell |
| Sun Nov 28 th 9 am | Beau underwood | | |
| Sun Nov 28 th 6pm | Beverly Saucier | | |
| Sat Dec 4 th 4pm | Mike West | | Mike West |
| Sun Dec 5 th OLC 7:30 am | Sandra Ammons | | Terry Mitchell |
| Sun Dec 5 th 9 am | CCD children | | |
| Sun Dec 5 th 6pm | Kathleen Cuevas | | |

Church Repair: Thanks to all the volunteers who helped us. The work is still in progress. We are experiencing delays. Thanks for your patience.

Lumen Christi Award: This year 2020, award is given to Augusta Ann and Willard Shaw. It will be presented to them on the third Sunday of the Advent during the mass. Congress and Thanks

K of C meeting: Sunday after 9.00am mass in the parish hall. Thanks

MASS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS: You can have Masses offered for the deceased as well as for living family and friends. Mass cards and envelopes are available at the office, each Mass card is \$10.00 dollars. Thanks.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION for MARRIAGE

Church regulations require at least six months of preparation for a wedding. Our advice is to call well in advance of that time if you wish to reserve a wedding date and receive preparation for marriage. One's own parish clergy are expected to supervise your Catholic prenuptial preparation and to officiate at the wedding.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: Please keep the parish office informed so we may minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing facility. For those wishing to receive the Eucharist contact the parish office, 832-2560.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Those who are ill: Leslie Cuevas, Lee James, Ezekiel Rutherford, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Andrew Fillengame; Breanna Ladner, Andrew, Sharon Somora, Nancy Ladner, Chris (Duke) McGill, Paul Ladner, Dianne Dearman, Marie Cuevas, Sharon Smith, Kathy, Marlene Moran, Teresa McAllister, Kendra Necaize, Courtney Stewart, Kathy Robison, and, Joseph and Megan Colbi Capuano, Bill & Brenda Peterson, Christine Constantine, Anthony Moran, Jill Ladner, Stephany Bass, and Brandi Moran, Lynn & Linda Bangs, John O'Neal, Terri, Loretta Ladner and Matt Dubission; Addie Threadgill; Cindy Ladner; Amanda Mayberry; Robin Cuevas Emmie Tubbs, Wally Clifford, T.J Moran, Robin Shamplo, Glinda Gardman, Timmy & Paula Lizana