

LIGHTING THE WREATH AT EACH MASS DURING ADVENT

Adult Servers together with the Ushers are to pick a family, explain the procedure and show them where to stand, when to bow and which candles to light.

Any of the purple candles can be lit. The pink candle is lit on the third Sunday.

There is no Gloria during advent. So be ready with the book right after the Kyrie (Lord have Mercy)

Procedure for family:

- Join ministries in the sacristy before mass for prayer.
- Join in the opening procession – right behind the cross.
- For the bow; line up to the right of the cross beside the first adult server.
- Join in the bow.
- Stand beside the cross bearer adult server's chair after the bow.
- After the priest has said the advent wreath prayer, the family takes the candle lighter (it should be left on the wreath stand) and lights the wick from one of the junior server candles.
- They then light the appropriate wreath candles for that week.
 - They leave the candle lighter with the wreath and go to their places.

There is a 3 fold blessing for Advent (pg 625), Christmas (pg 626) and the Epiphany (pg 672) Masses. They are located near the back of the Sacramentary. The blessing is done right after the closing prayer.

The Advent Wreath

This Prayer to be said every weekend during Advent

During Advent we wait in joyful hope
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in glory. Today we
pray that God will (bless this wreath,) keep us watchful in
prayer,
and make us witnesses to Jesus,
the Lord of light and love,
who has taken on our human flesh
to bring salvation to all people.

Choose one of the following Prayers (1,2,3)

1. God of hope and love,
we praise you for sending Jesus, your Son,
to save us from our sins
and to be the light in our darkness.
Bless us as we gather in his name,
and bless this wreath s a sign of you unending love and of
Jesus' presence among us.
keep us watchful in prayer as we await his return in glory .

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives with you and the Holy Spirit,
in eternal glory,
one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen

2. God of light and hope,
look upon us in love,
and fill us with the Spirit of Jesus
that we may love you and serve you in your kingdom, Protect
us during this week
and keep us watchful in prayer
as we await the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who is the
light of the world,
and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, for ever and ever.
All: Amen

3. Almighty God,
strengthen the resolve of your faithful people
to prepare for the coming of your Christ
by works of justice and mercy,
so that when we go forth to meet him
he may call us to sit at his right hand
and possess the kingdom of heaven.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who
lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
All: Amen