



Living in faith

A CATHOLIC STUDENT'S GUIDE TO LIFE-LONG LEARNING

THE ADVENT WREATH

A symbol of the coming of the light, the Advent wreath contains four candles, one for each Sunday of the season.

EVERGREEN FOR ETERNITY

- ~ Traditionally, three of the candles are purple and one is rose. The candles are placed in a circle of evergreen, which represents eternal life.
- ~ The ritual of lighting the candles signals the coming of the light, the birth of Christ on Christmas Day.



REPRESENTING EXPECTATION, HOPE, JOY, PURITY

- ~ On the first Sunday, a purple candle is lit. It represents expectation.
- ~ The next Sunday, the first candle and a new purple candle, this one representing hope, are lit.
- ~ On the third Sunday, the rose candle, symbolizing joy, is lit, along with the candles from the first two weeks.
- ~ On the last Sunday, the fourth candle, representing purity, is lit, along with the other three.
- ~ On Christmas Day, the purple and rose candles are replaced with white candles, signaling the new beginning.

YOUR PERSONAL PREPARATION –

What hopes do you have during this time?

What are you doing during the Season of Advent to prepare for Christmas?

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"We light a candle today, a small dim light against a world that often seems forbidding and dark. How will the darkness be overcome? Because we are a people of hope."
St. Ignace of Loyola, Society of Jesus