

**Celebrating Advent at Home  
for Children and their Families**

from the Liturgy of the Word with Children (LWC) Ministry at OLQW

Dear Parents,

As we are still unable to gather with your children for Liturgy of the Word, we hope that these resources will help you celebrate a meaningful Advent season with your family. If you would rather lessen their screen time, you may watch the videos yourself and use them for teaching your children all about Advent!

Please tell your children that we miss them and that we hope and pray that soon we can worship and gather with them!

Sincerely,

The LWC Ministry

P.S. Our student assistants have included some links especially for teens!



**What is Advent?**

The word "advent" means "coming". It is a time of waiting and preparation for celebrating Christmas, Jesus Christ's birthday!

Watch the animated video below for an introduction to Advent:

<https://youtu.be/6pxPAIw2abo>

**When is Advent this year?**

- First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2020
- Second Sunday of Advent, December 6, 2020
- Third Sunday of Advent, December 13, 2020
- Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 20, 2020

## **Advent at a glance:**

<https://www.archtoronto.org/advent>

<h1>What is Advent?</h1> <p>A season of <b>hope, preparation, EXPECTATION &amp; celebration</b></p>		
	<p>Advent is made up of <b>four weeks</b>, divided into <b>two periods</b>:</p> <p>1 First Sunday of Advent until December 16 focus: Christ's second coming at the end of time</p> <p>2 December 17 to 24 focus: Preparation for celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ</p>	<p>"Advent" (Latin) MEANS "a coming or arrival"</p>
<p>The <b>ADVENT WREATH</b> is a popular symbol used as the focus of prayer throughout the season</p>	<p>The <b>first Sunday of Advent</b> marks the beginning of the liturgical year</p>	<p>Advent is more than the preparation for Christ's birth. It also <b>celebrates the three-fold coming of the Lord</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Remembering</b> the events that surrounded the Lord's coming long ago</li><li>• <b>Celebrating</b> his coming among us today</li><li>• <b>Looking forward</b> to his final coming in glory</li></ul>
<p>Through prayer, spiritual reading, acts of charity, and participation in Eucharist, Advent helps us to expand the meaning of our lives, <b>so that we are not ends in ourselves, but a people who seek Christ</b> as our hopeful end and joyful fulfilment</p>		
	<p>Our prayer at Advent is one of hope and love:</p> <p><i>Come, Lord Jesus!</i></p>	<p><b>CANDLES</b> mark the steps in our Advent journey</p>
<p>Archdiocese of Toronto   <a href="http://www.archtoronto.org">www.archtoronto.org</a> #AdventTO</p>		

## **Readings:**

First Sunday of Advent:

[https://youtu.be/bfA4gcE02\\_g](https://youtu.be/bfA4gcE02_g)

## **Activities:**

- Advent Wreath



<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/parish-ministry/intergenerational-catechesis/advent/advent-wreath-activity-center/>

<https://teachingcatholickids.com/8-practical-ways-to-get-ready-for-advent/>

- Jesse Tree



<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/advent/the-jesse-tree/>

### **Other Online Resources:**

- Advent for Teenagers

<https://lifeteen.com/cym/blog/preparing-teens-for-advent/>

<https://lifeteen.com/blog/how-to-advent/>

<https://youthministry.com/freebie-advent-family-devotional/>

<https://www.google.ca/amp/s/www.ourlittleroses.org/blog/what-is-advent-season/amp/>

- Advent Calendar

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/advent/calendars/childrens-advent-calendar/>

- Feast of St. Nicholas, December 6

<https://www.stnicholascenter.org>

- Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8

<https://www.catholicicing.com/explain-immaculate-conception-to-kids/>

*If you need more resources or would like to share any, please email:*

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