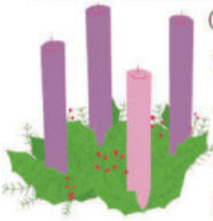




RELIGIOUS ED

LIFE WITH CHRIST IS A WONDERFUL ADVENTURE!-POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II



One week from today we begin a new liturgical year with the season of Advent. What is this season of Advent? How can we celebrate it in our homes?

The word Advent comes from the Latin word for "coming" and it is a season of waiting, hope and peace. The Church sets this time apart because it is intended to be a time of preparation for the birth of Jesus.

Pope St. John Paul II said, "The Fathers of the Church, in the Christian tradition, have spoken of the family as a 'domestic church,' a little church." The domestic church is the first place children learn their faith and how to live it in their daily lives. There are many Advent traditions we can live in our domestic churches:

- Advent Wreath: Placed on the dinner table or other prominent place, it is used as the focal point for family prayer throughout the season.
- Advent Calendar: The Advent calendar helps us joyfully anticipate the birth of Christ and not because there is a chocolate behind each door, but because of great gift of the Incarnation we receive on Christmas morning
- The Jesse Tree: Another way of joyfully anticipating Jesus' birth, the Jesse Tree gives us an overview of Salvation History throughout Scripture. Each ornament hung on the Jesse Tree represents the people, prophecies and events leading up to the birth of Jesus Christ.

RE Calendar

November 21st: Class (10am-11:30am)

November 28th: No Class-Thanksgiving Break

December 5th: Class (10am-11:30am)

December 12th: Class (10am-11:30am)



Students in the Confirmation Prep classes participate in Holy Fire.



Fr. Christopher visited the 5th grade class to talk about St. Elizabeth of the Trinity.