



## ADVENT WREATH

Rich in symbolism, yet profoundly simple, the Advent wreath serves as a visible reminder of anticipation—slowly watching the light march forward, one week at a time. The wreath is made of evergreens, which signify life everlasting. The circular wreath has no beginning or end, symbolizing God's eternal nature. Finally, in ancient times, a wreath would decorate the head of the victor in a competition. Here, we are reminded of Christ's victory and glory from his humble "beginnings" in the womb of Mary to his triumph over death and Ascension into heaven.

Each of the four candles represents a week of Advent, with a new candle lit on each of the four Sundays of the liturgical season. Three of the candles are purple, signifying penance, prayer, and preparation. The rose candle, lit on the third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday ("rejoice"—the first word in the antiphon for that liturgy), symbolizes a lightness and joy because

Advent is halfway over and the light of Christ that much closer. As the light advances from one candle to the next, we are reminded of God's action throughout salvation history and the ages leading to his true light coming into the world (see Jn 1:9). As Fr. William Saunders of the Arlington diocese puts it, the lighting of the candles signifies "the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead."

Many families incorporate the daily lighting of the Advent wreath as they pray before dinner. Prayers for this daily lighting can be found in traditional Catholic devotional books or by searching "Advent wreath prayers" online.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20

#### Las lecturas de la semana del 20 de noviembre

**Sunday:** 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

**Monday:** Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday:** Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11

**Wednesday:** Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19

**Thursday:** Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28

**Friday:** Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33

**Saturday:** Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab/Lk 21:34-36

**Next Sunday:** Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44



### ADORATION

**CAN YOU SPEND AN HOUR WITH OUR LORD?  
SIGN UP TODAY FOR JUST ONE HOUR!**

We still have open hours and we are also looking for people to sign up so we can have two people at all hours.

### ADORACIÓN

**¿PUEDES PASAR UNA HORACON NUESTRO SEÑOR?  
¡REGÍSTRATE HOY POR SÓLO UNA HORA A LA SEMANA!**

You can go to our website

<https://stjamesconway.weadorehim.com/en>

### PARTS OF THE MASS SERIES —KNOW YOUR FAITH Concluding Rite

**Blessing**-strengthened by the Eucharist, we are to go into the world and proclaim the good News (the Gospel) by our life, by our work, by our words

**Recessional Hymn**-concludes the Mass

*Resources: "Explanation of the Holy Mass," Fr. Mark Gurtner, The Spirit of Medjugorie (July-Oct 2010)  
The Lamb's Supper: The Mass as Heaven on Earth, Dr. Scott Hahn*

### PARTES DE LA SERIE MISA —CONOCE TU FE Rito de clausura

**Bendición:** fortalecidos por la Eucaristía, debemos ir al mundo y proclamar la Buena Nueva (el Evangelio) con nuestra vida, con nuestro trabajo, con nuestras palabras.


**Himno de recesión**-concluye la Misa

*Recursos: "Explicación de la Santa Misa", p. Mark Gurtner, El espíritu de Medjugorie (julio-octubre de 2010)  
La Cena del Cordero: La Misa como el Cielo en la Tierra, Dr. Scott Hahn*

**Please help us keep this updated.**

**THE PRAYER LIST:** Please pray for the physical and spiritual well-being of parishioners and friends: Richard Scalone, Kathy Dominick, Sophie Osborne, Margaret Forlano, Shae Veach, Carolyn Messner, Kara Small, Virgie Baker, Ben Labunski, Joan Polon, Renee Culbert, Jasper "Jay" Bonelli, Judy Ponzurick, Keri Martorano, Bob Dorsett, Lynn Olson, Kenny Messemer, John Evans, Stephanie Woods, Jim Besaw, Alexis Kirt, Michael Palumbo, LaVerne Sadowski, Virginia Lamb, Nancy Conway, Billy Ray Hughes, Sr., Mary Dickerson, Bill Freeman, Lola, Kathleen McGinnis, Joyce Delp, Deborah Garofolo, Charlie Prasad, Mindy Tanner, Linda Buckles, John Higgins, Robert Campbell, Maureen Florio, Helen Alston, George Scerba, Francis Ringkamp, Francesca Moneo, Barbara Rivera, Pat Derrickson, Jane McDonough, Doug Soles, Hannah Dugan, Gloria Hansberger, Noreen Dixon, Teresa Powers, Jim Then, Pam Bosselait, Sean Hayes, June Berube, Mark and Cheryl Lauer, Susan Rogers, Denise Discuillo, Nicole Cadavid, Kevin Monahan, Laura Marshall, Priscilla Sibley, Briana Evens DiScuillo, Mark Urban, Roger Mason, Gary Neverick, Charles Hayes, Kathy Linde, Heather Shivo, Jean Mauger, Chelsea Avitable, Daniel Aiden Richardson, Irene, Kelsy Palmer, Bridie Healy, Sam and Debbie Coccia, Kennedy James Kraft, Jimmy Wigal, Loretta Voghel, Ronald Solomon, Beth Miller, Morie and Angie Pollard, Bernard Swann, Tim Vance, Kevin Hamilton, Marie D'Andrea, Ronald Blank, Dennis Allen Main, Charles Wokutch, James Dixon, Fran Garrity, Gertrude Delitta, Bob Arias, Terry Youman, Travis Schriff, Phyllis Schaffer, Suzie Gordon, Rebecca Trustee, Joyce Sgro, Guy Aliotta, Kathy Walsh, Brendan Horstman, Lynn Clark, Marion Fallone, Richard Greff, Janette Polon-Ramirez, Ray Kilpatrick, Maggie Heverly, Maureen Florio, Susan McGuffin, Devin Rinaldi, Christina Powell, Anna Schwartz, Sandy Lagasse, Joe Hughes, Maria Soto, Marcella Fahey, Cheryl Scerba, Andrew Zepada, David Larkins, Joshua Thomas, Bob Gagne, Karen Catania, Arlene Forman, Rita Williams, Barbara Geschlecht, and Joe Abate.

**WHEN YOU OR A LOVED ONE IS IN THE HOSPITAL:** Would you like an Extraordinary Minister to bring communion? Would you like a priest to administer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick? Please call the office and let us know.



**St. James New Mission/Vision Statement**

*Go and make disciples/Vayan y hagan discipulos*

*A community of joyful disciples/Una comunidad de discipulos alegres*

**Pastoral Staff**

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 .....Courtney Frappaolo, ext. 234  
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*Secretary*.....Kathy Caughey, ext. 224  
*Maintenance Director*.....Earl Videan, ext. 232  
*Director of Music*.....Gene Borkes  
*Organists*.....Gene Borkes, Bradley Hardee  
*RCIA*.....Sunday, 10:00AM-12:00 Noon  
*Blood Pressure Screening*.....3rd weekend of each month  
*Eucharistic Adoration*.....Daily in the Chapel  
 .....Check the schedules for an open hour  
*Pro-Life*.....Lori Videan, 843-503-3607  
*Ladies Guild*.....3rd Monday, 10:00am (Sept.-June)  
*Knights of Columbus 4th Degree*.....4th Monday, 7:00pm  
*Knights of Columbus*.....2nd Wednesday, 7:00pm  
*Catholic Charities*.....1-855-377-1357  
*Catholic Charities Immigration Attorney*.....803-327-7144  
 524 Charlotte Ave, Rock Hill, SC 29730  
*Diocesan Office of Child Protection Services*..843-853-2130 ext. 209  
*Diocesan Victim Assistance Minister*.....800-921-8122  
*Safe Environment Coordinator*.....Taylor Lilly, ext. 235  
 To email staff members, use  
 first initial, last name@stjamesconway.org

**Parish Office Hours:** Monday - Friday 9:30AM - 3:30PM

**Religious Education/Catecismo:** Call office

**Infant Baptism:** The Sacrament is normally celebrated during a weekend Liturgy. Please call the office to register for the preparation process. Courtney Frappaolo, ext. 234.

**Marriage:** By arrangement at least six months before the proposed wedding. Paula Loehr, ext. 221.

**Ministry to the Sick:** Call to request visitation. Please let us know when loved ones are in the hospital.

**Bulletin Articles:** Items of communal interest must be at parish office no later than 9:00am Monday. Kathy Caughey, ext. 224.

**New Parishioners:** Welcome! There are several ways you can register, on our website, or by stopping by the church office during office hours.

**Altar Flowers \$150:** Call the office to arrange donations in memory of a loved one, or in honor of a special occasion.

**Religious Articles** are available for purchase Monday-Friday, 9:30am-3:30pm. Special orders are always welcome. Contact the church office at 843-347-5168.

**Columbarium:** Available to all registered Catholics of the Diocese. Call the church office for more information.

**Tree of Life:** This is a great way to remember your loved ones or honor a special occasion. Donations start at \$250. Contact the parish office for details.

**Prayer Chain Request:** If you have a special need we would like to help you pray. Simply call Shirley at 843-397-2318.