



FAITH AT HOME

Making the Faith Come Alive for Your Family
During the Advent Season



Make the faith come alive during Advent by preparing all week.



- Pray an [Our Father](#) each day.
- Bishop O'Connell – [Preparing for Christmas during COVID](#).
- [Plan to return to Mass by watching this video](#).
- [How to return to Mass safely](#).
- [Make a spiritual communion if you cannot attend Mass](#).
- [Advent in two minutes](#) – Busted Halo.
- Watch this [Advent Video](#) for kids and [this for teens/adults](#).
- Local [Music for Advent & Christmas](#).
- [Arts & Faith: Advent](#) – Loyola Press.

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Advent

Sunday Gospels

- First Sunday of Advent: [Mark 13:13-17](#)
- Second Sunday of Advent: [Mark 1:1-8](#)
- Third Sunday of Advent: [John 1:6-8, 19-20](#)
- Fourth Sunday of Advent: [Luke 1:26-38](#)

ADVENT DISCUSSION: The Advent season is here once again. The word “advent” comes from the Latin word “adventus” and means arrival or coming. This season helps us to prepare for Christmas and Christ’s Second Coming. **How have you and your family used the Advent season to prepare in the past? What new spiritual preparation could you try this year?**



Tip of the Week

Jesus always, and especially in the Advent Season, calls us to “Be Watchful! Be Alert!” (Mark 13:33). John the Baptist said, “Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near.” (Mt 3:2) and Mary, the Mother of Jesus, responds YES to the angel Gabriel “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered, “may it happen to me as you have said.” (Luke 1:38)

Though already present in His Church, Christ’s reign is still to be fulfilled ‘with power and great glory’ by His return to earth. That is why Christians pray, above all in the Eucharist, to hasten Christ’s return by saying to Him: *Maranatha!* ‘Our Lord, come!’ (CCC#671).

A wonderful tradition is the [Advent Wreath](#) which assists us in our Advent journey. How can you create space for Jesus in your home? Click through each week for tips on how to prepare for the Lord’s coming.

- 📅 [First Week of Advent](#)
- 📅 [Second Week of Advent](#)
- 📅 [Third Week of Advent](#)
- 📅 [Fourth Week of Advent](#)

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Activities for Families

[Saints of Advent](#)

[Stages on the Sound Advent\(ure\) Calendar](#)

[Traditional Advent Calendar](#)

[Hallow app for Youth & Young Adults](#)

[5 Advent Activities for Kids](#)

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Resources for families can be found on our webpage: dioceseoftrenton.org/faith-at-home

