

The Meaning of the Advent Candles

As a Christian tradition, the wreath holds the four Advent candles. The candles represent Jesus coming as the light in darkness. One candle is lit each Sunday until all four candles are lit, and sometimes a fifth candle is lit on Christmas. As Christmas draws nearer, each candle brings a little more light into the darkness. Each of the candles represents an aspect of preparation during the season of Advent:

- First: Purple – The Candle of Hope - It symbolizes penance, preparation and sacrifice.
Second: Purple – The Candle of Peace - We reflect on becoming better versions of ourselves.
Third: Pink – The Candle of Joy - Symbolizes anticipation and rejoicing.
Fourth: Purple – The Candle of Love - We rejoice in the endless love that God has for us, which is made apparent in the birth of His Son.

“I do not believe the promises of the Declaration of Independence are just for the strong, the independent, the healthy. They are for everyone including unborn children.”

.....George W. Bush

“Justice is itself the great standing policy of civil society; and any eminent departure from it, under any circumstances, lies under the suspicion of being no policy at all.”

.....Edmund Burke

Pray With Us. Please join the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St Veronica #1273 as we continue our Daily Spiritual Adoption Prayer which is:

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of Veronica the unborn child that I have spiritually adopted, who is in danger of abortion.

Please pray for our sick, parishioners, family, and friends:

- ◆ Roy McNeil ◆ Helen George ◆ Jerry Mason ◆ Nicole Starbird ◆ Ronald Rich ◆
- ◆ Florence Martin ◆ Judi Menard ◆ Elmer Sayers ◆ Alan DeLaricheliere ◆ Marie Sholan ◆
- ◆ Jane Bachert ◆ Marilyn Murphy ◆ Philip Murphy ◆ Eva Church ◆ Clara Massey ◆
- ◆ Paul Brochu ◆ Daryl Rich ◆ Mary Smith ◆ Carmeline Williams ◆ Marcel LeBlanc ◆ Elaine Brochu ◆
- ◆ Joe Clark ◆ Henriette Garven ◆ Kim Winslow ◆ Henry Richard ◆ Marsha Kallahan ◆ Betty LeBlanc ◆
- ◆ Marc DeLaricheliere ◆ Jimmy Sholan ◆ Mary Ainsworth ◆ Marcie Brochu ◆ Laurette Perron ◆
- ◆ Bob Belajonas ◆ Alice Menard ◆ Linda Lussier ◆ Georgia Meagher ◆ Lorraine Hill ◆ Adrienne Olney ◆

Second Sunday of Advent December 6, 2020

Mary Queen of All Saints Parish



St. Norbert
(Hardwick)



St. Michael
(Greensboro Bend)



Our Lady of Fatima
(Craftsbury)

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(Due on or before Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.)

Our Parish Staff:

- ◆ Fr. Thomas Aquinas, Administrator
- ◆ Candy Parchment, Secretary
- ◆ Gabby Hopkins, Parish Catechetical Leader
- ◆ Susan Earle, Custodian
- ◆ Lynn Brochu, Bookkeeper

Baptisms: Registered parishioners, please contact the Parish Office for a preparation interview.

Marriages: Registered parishioners, please schedule at least six months in advance of the proposed date.

Cemeteries: Fairview in Hardwick and St. Michael's in Greensboro Bend

Mass Schedule:

Saturday 4:00 p.m. (St. N)

Sunday 8:30 a.m. (St. N)

10:30 a.m. (St. M)

Confessions:

Saturday 3:15 p.m. (St. N)

By appointment only.