

Celebrating Advent

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 2, Session 10**.

The Church's liturgical year begins with Advent.

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Advent begins four Sundays before December 25.

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Advent ends at Christmas Mass.

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Advent is a time to prepare our hearts and our homes to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

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One way you can prepare your home for Advent is by setting up an Advent wreath or hanging an Advent calendar.

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Advent candles remind us that we are preparing the way for Jesus, the Light of the World.

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During Advent we see the color purple on the altar cloth and priest's vestments. The color purple reminds us that Advent is a time of preparation.

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The word *Advent* comes from a Latin word that means "coming" or "arrival."

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