

# Celebrating Advent

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

The beginning of the liturgical year is the first Sunday of Advent.

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Advent ends on Christmas Eve.

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*Advent* comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means “arrival.”

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During Advent we prepare to welcome Jesus into our hearts and our homes.

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God gave us the gift of Jesus so that we may have eternal life.

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At Mass during Advent, we hear readings about God’s promise to send a Savior.

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The baptismal font is where people celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism. Here, new Christians are welcomed into the Church, and we become children of God.

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Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation allows us to receive God’s forgiveness.

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The third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday.

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The celebration of the Immaculate Conception occurs on December 8. It is a feast during Advent that honors Mary’s conception without Original Sin.

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