

ADVENT BLESSING IN THE HOME *****
ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, THE FAMILY GATHERS FOR THE BLESSING OF THE
ADVENT WREATH BY THE FATHER OF THE FAMILY

Father: Our help is in the Name of the Lord

All: Who made heaven and earth.

Father: Let us Pray: O God, by Whose Word all things are sanctified, pour forth
Thy blessing upon this wreath and grant that we who use it may prepare our
hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant Graces.
Through Christ our Lord. All: Amen

(He sprinkles the wreath with Holy Water. Then the youngest child
lights the first candle, and the prayer for the first week is said)

Father: Let us Pray: Stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, O Lord, and come so that we may
escape through Thy protection and be saved by Thy help from the dangers that
threaten us because of our sins. Through Christ our Lord. All: Amen.

(During the First Week one candle is left burning during the evening meal.
Two candles are lighted on the Second Sunday to burn during the 2nd. Week.)

Father: Let us Pray: O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only
begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee
with pure souls. Through Christ our Lord. All: Amen.

(Three candles, include the rose candle, are lighted on Gaudete Sunday, the
3rd. Sunday, and during that week. The following prayer is said:

Father: Let us Pray: We humbly beg Thee, O Lord, to listen to our prayers: and
by the Grace of Thy coming bring light into our darkened minds. We ask this
Through Christ our Lord. All: Amen.

(All four candles are lighted on the fourth Sunday (Dec 24th.) and burn for
that one day only. The next day is Christmas.)

Father: Let us Pray: O Lord Almighty God, tomorrow is the birthday of Your Son.
We eagerly look forward to the adorable birthday of Thy Son. Grant that we
may also receive His everlasting gifts with joy; Who lives and rules with
You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. All: Amen

ADVENT SCRIPTURE READINGS:

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT:

Monday Isaiah: Chap. 2(1-5)
Tuesday Isaiah: Chap. 11(1-10)
Wednesday Zephaniah: Chap. 3(14-20)
Thursday Isaiah: Chap 61(1-11)
Friday Isaiah: Chap 7(10-14)
Saturday Isaiah: Chap 35(1-10)

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT:

Monday: Isaiah: Chap 62(11-12)
Tuesday: Micah: Chap 5(1-4)
Wednesday: St. Luke Chap. 1(26-38)
Thursday: St. Luke Chap. 1(39-45)
Friday: St. Luke Chap. 1(46-56)
Saturday: St. Luke Chap. 1(57-66)

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT:

Monday Isaiah: Chap. 64(1-11)
Tuesday Jeremiah: Chap 33(14-16)
Wednesday St. Paul to the Philippians
Chap. 4(4-9)
Thursday Baruch: Chap. 5(1-9)
Friday Isaiah: Chap 40(1-12)
Saturday Isaiah: Chap 52(7-10)

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT:

CHRISTMAS EVE:

Sunday: St. Luke Chap 3(1-6)
Monday: Christmas Eve:
St. Matthew Chap 1(18-21)
Tuesday: Christmas Day
St Luke Chap 2(1-14)