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Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM • 10:00 AM • 12:00 PM
Monday-Saturday 8:15 AM

Fr. Anthony J. Suso, *Pastor*

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RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 2:30 - 3:45 PM, the Thursday before
the First Friday of each month, 7:00 - 8:00 PM
and by appointment.

BAPTISM

Celebrated on most Sundays after the
12:00 PM Mass. Preparation is required
for parents before their first child's Baptism.
Please call the Parish Office to register.

MARRIAGE

In keeping with Diocesan regulations,
arrangements must first be made with a priest
at least six months before the date selected to
allow for required preparations.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This sacrament is available upon request
by speaking with one of the priests.

"Behold,

*I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me
according to your word."*

the season of
Advent
2025

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

PARISH REGISTRATION — Please register at the Parish Office during our
business hours or online at our website.

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MASS INFORMATION



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Monday, December 1 – Advent Weekday

8:15 AM The Deceased Members of the Ralph Parete Family

Tuesday, December 2 – Advent Weekday

8:15 AM David DiCarlo +

Wednesday, December 3 – St. Francis Xavier

8:15 AM Tim Keaveney and Peggy Kelly +

Thursday, December 4 – Advent Weekday

9:00 AM John and Linda Seman
Pieter DeMeyer +

Friday, December 5 – Advent Weekday

8:15 AM Carl Polo

Saturday, December 6 – Advent Weekday

8:15 AM Bobby Coyle
4:00 PM Jeanette Monachino Price +

Sunday, December 7 – The Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Irma Ianiro
10:00 AM Mike and Antoinette Giovinale
Igino and Elsa Ceraldi +
12:00 PM The People of St. Columbkille Parish



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

As missionary disciples of Jesus, formed as a community through Scripture and Sacraments, we are sent into the world to joyfully proclaim the Gospel.

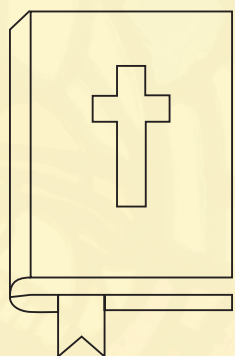
PARISH VISION STATEMENT

As the Parish of Saint Columbkille, we strive to be a welcoming, caring, Catholic family that transforms lives, proclaiming the Kingdom of God.

OFFERTORY GIVING

YTD		11/2/25
\$ 240,641.24	Weekly Offertory Collection	\$ 13,181.00
\$ 88,354.00	Faith Direct Online Offertory	\$ -
\$ 32,393.00	Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 2,540.00
\$ 4,554.00	School Support	\$ 877.00
\$ 85.00	Easter 2026	\$ -
\$ 125.00	Christmas 2025	\$ -
\$ 27,064.70	Other & Misc	\$ 5,709.00
\$ 393,216.94	Total	\$ 22,307.00

Thank you for your support of St. Columbkille Parish. Our mission is to worship God, serve others, and form disciples of Jesus Christ. This mission would not be possible without your prayers and giving of your time, talent and treasure. Please note YTD reflects July through the current week received and Faith Direct Online Offertory is deposited biweekly. THANK YOU!



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Monday, December 1

Is 4: 2-6

Mt 8: 5-11

Tuesday, December 2

Is 11: 1-10

Lk 10: 21-24

Wednesday, December 3

Is 25: 6-10a

Mt 15: 29-37

Thursday, December 4

Is 26: 1-6

Mt 7: 21, 24-27

Friday, December 5

Is 29: 17-24

Mt 9: 27-31

Saturday, December 6

Is 30: 19-21, 23-26

Mt 9: 35 – Mt 10: 1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday, December 7

Is 11: 1-10

Rom 15: 4-9

Mt 3: 1-12

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH WHO ARE ILL:

Madelyn Adamic, Dan Adams, Mary Annibale, Dan Archer, Robert Baker, Christine Banaszak, Carol Bednar, Lucy Bennett, Ted Bergansky, Isabel Blaha, George Brayer, John Brough, Georgene Callaghan, Robert Carpenter, Douglas Ceraldi, Barbara Chandler, Don Cristillo, Joseph Cwiklinski, Carolina Dalrymple, Mary Beth Davis, Marlene DeLaat, Robert Dittrich, Cheryl Fasser, Doris Fiorentino, Christine Fontana, Carmen Francino, Salvatore Fricano, Sandy Friedel, Ray Fritz, Mary Galgas, Dustin Green, Dylan Greve, Jamil Hadad, Rachel Harr, Marilyn Jirousek, Jack Kaniecki, Mary Ann Kannenberg, Jennifer Karam, Barbara Kathrein, Joan Knotek, Michael Kopkas, Angelica Korbas, Michael Kowalczyk, Terrie Kowalski, Ron Kwiakowski, Len Labuda, Gloria Latran, Rachel Liepelt, Robert Maeder, George Makovicka, Kathy Martuch, Kevin Mayer, Pam Mayer, Mairead McGinty, Manus McMaffery, Thad McNeil, Wayne Miller, Mary Minnillo, Marilyn Moavero, Dolores Montelone, Brian Mysza, Joan Nagy, Levon Owen, Joan Parete, Terry Perciak, Matthew Powers, Chuck Ptak, Jeremy Pupkiewicz, Ed Rogowski, Mary Rose, Ronald W. Sevchek, John Sheeban, Tony Smetana, Maria Snyder, John Spisak II, MaryAnn Stimson, Dorothy Sutkowy, Jim Sweeny, Jim Szent, Bernice Szollosi, Dolores Talion, Nash Taylor, Tony Tomecko, Carolyn Toomey, Terry Toth, Yvonne Uhlik, Denise Vargo, Maria Vogel, John Vohaty, David Zenda, Geraldine Zickes.

If you would like your loved one's or friend's name on the list, please call the rectory office at (216) 524-1987. Please be sure that the person who is ill consents to their name being placed on the list before submitting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome our newest members to the Saint Columbkille Parish family:

Mr. & Mrs. Marcin Powichrowski

REST IN PEACE

May all our deceased parishioners live forever in the joy of the Resurrection...

Robert Topolski, Carmen Dizon, & Harold Nazareth



RECENT BAPTISMS

Welcome to the family:

Kailani Maldonado

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR



MARY AND JOSEPH WAITING IN HOPE!

Happy 1st Sunday of Advent. In this weekend's Gospel, the Lord Jesus commands us to be watchful and alert as we wait for the day of Jesus' Second Coming. Jesus urges us to vigilance saying, "Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." The most perfect model of remaining vigilant during this season is Mary and Joseph. As we prepare for Jesus' birth at Christmas, the readings and season invite us to behold Mary as the model for mothers who say yes without knowing the whole story and Joseph as the foster father who protects and serves the holy family. Mary is prompted by the Angel Gabriel to cooperate with God's plan of salvation without seeing the complete picture. Mary was more than merely the biological mother of the Lord Jesus. Mary and Joseph's task in the Incarnation was not over after the event in the stable at Bethlehem. Birth was followed by education. Mary and Joseph exercised

a continuous formation of the young Jesus as He grew from infancy to childhood to the teen years to young manhood. The New Testament does not tell us how this happened. There is only one brief glimpse...in the narrative of the losing and finding of the boy Jesus in the temple. Mary acts like a typical mother, with the emotions of loss and anxiety and with the maternal demand to know why her son would go off without telling her and Joseph.

It is interesting that Luke cites her words and not Joseph's. "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety" (Luke 2:48). These are words we expect a mother to say. Mary is not shy about asserting her maternal authority. It flows from her love, of course...aside from this brief anecdote, we know nothing else about what happened between mother and son all those years. Her maternal training style, her motherly witness of virtues, her approach to parenting is not recorded for us. Nonetheless, we should not forget that it happened. Mary was indeed mother of God. But she was also a human mother of a son who had a human upbringing. Joseph was indeed the foster father of Jesus. But he was also a human father of a son who needed to be taught how to live just like us.

A good part of a mother's and father's identity comes into play at Christmastime. How the house is decorated, whether we make our own cookies, buy them at the bakery, or skip them altogether, whether the children are dressed for Christmas Mass and dinner in good clothes or wearing pajamas—each is a litmus test of a parent's worth. All of us remembers the presence (or absence) of our own mothers and fathers at this time and I imagine that says something about how we view ourselves. This Advent, let's remember to pray for all our mothers and fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers who taught us that our life is worth more than simply what we do.

Be watchful, be alert for the Lord Jesus is coming at an hour you do not expect. In what ways are the anxieties of daily life blinding you for the real and proper coming of Jesus? *Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse, pray for us. Amen.*

WHAT IS THE MEANING BEHIND THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLES?

The word "advent" comes from the Latin word "adventus," which means "coming." For Catholics, Advent is the four-week season leading up to Christmas. During Advent, we anticipate the coming of Jesus at Christmas as well as prepare ourselves for Jesus' final coming at the end of time. It's a time full of reflection, excitement, and hope. The Advent candles represent Jesus coming as the light in darkness. One candle is lit each Sunday until all four candles are lit. Each of the candles represents an aspect of preparation during the Season of Advent:

- 1. The Candle of Hope; Color: Purple.** Purple is the primary color associated with Advent. Within the Catholic Church it symbolizes penance, preparation, and sacrifice. During the first week of Advent, we look forward to Jesus' coming with hope.
- 2. The Candle of Peace; Color: Purple.** During this second week of Advent, we reflect on our lives and work on becoming better-versions-of-ourselves in preparation for Jesus' coming.
- 3. The Candle of Joy; Color: Pink.** This third candle is pink, symbolizing anticipation and rejoicing. During the third week of Advent, we are filled with joy for the near arrival of Jesus on Christmas Day.
- 4. The Candle of Love; Color: Purple.** During this final week of Advent we rejoice in the endless love that God has for us, which is made apparent in the birth of His Son: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." - John 3:16

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

ADVENT SMALL GROUPS FORMING – SLOWING DOWN TO THE SPEED OF JOY!

Are you feeling overwhelmed with the busyness and anxieties of daily life? Jesus wants to fill you with peace and joy this upcoming Christmas season by "Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy." This book by Catholic evangelist Matthew Kelly is the perfect companion to help you experience the living presence of Jesus. Books will be available to pick up at the doors of the church or welcome desk after Mass this weekend. Advent and Christmas Seasons are the perfect time to slow down, join a small prayer group and delve deeply into this book that will teach you time-honored practices of finding joy in the lived presence of God. Most of all, being part of small group during Advent and Christmas you will be surrounded by other Catholics and faith seekers who will help you to grow in the joy and love of Jesus. There is no better Christmas gift than that!

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY IS A HOLY DAY!

This year, because the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary falls on Monday, December 8th, the Holy Day does not have a Vigil Mass. **We will have Two Masses on Monday, December 8th in celebration of the Immaculate Conception, 8:15 AM with our school children, and 7 PM.** Our country is dedicated to Holy Mary of the Immaculate Conception, so please come and celebrate our nation's patronal feast day!

CHRISTMAS MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE!

It is never too early to start planning for going to Confession and Mass for Christmas. We will have extra Confessions on Monday, December 22nd from 1-2 PM, 7-8 PM in church and on Tuesday, December 23rd from 1-2 PM. Our Christmas Eve Masses on Wednesday, December 24th will be at 4 PM, 6 PM, and 10 PM. Christmas Day Masses will be on Thursday, December 25th at 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 PM. On behalf of our entire parish family and parish staff, I want to wish you and your families a very blessed upcoming Christmas Season.

Never forget, the Lord is with us, always!

PARISH NEWS



CELEBRATE OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

On Friday, December 12th, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Pro-Life Group of St. Columbkille invites you to join in celebrating Our Queen and Mother as Patroness of the Americas and of the Unborn. The image has special significance during the Advent Season because Mary is depicted as pregnant with Jesus.

Her miraculous image, left on Juan Diego's coarse tilma was responsible for the conversion of 8,000,000 Indians. According to Kodak of Mexico, the image is smooth and feels like a modern-day photograph. Several images can be seen reflected in the eyes of the Virgin and the distortion and place of the images are identical to what is produced in the normal eye. The image, to this date, cannot be explained by science. It shows no sign of deterioration after 450 years! (The fibers used to make the tilma usually disintegrate in 15-30 years.) The stars on her mantle are the constellation that appeared in the sky that day. Our Lady promised to eradicate abortion in our land by converting all who look upon her image.

Do you feel called to pray to Our Lady in a more intimate way? Consider inviting her into your home this year! In the back of the church this weekend, there are sign-ups for our traveling image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Please sign up to have our beautiful picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe visit your home for a family Novena. "The family that prays together stays together."

50 +

The next gathering of the 50+ Seniors Club will be this coming Wednesday, December 3rd, and will be our annual Christmas party at our regular meeting place, the Seven Hills City Hall Community Room, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.



WEEK AT A GLANCE

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SUNDAY

7:00 PM	Troop Meeting	(School Gym)
7:00 PM	Catching Fire	(Varied)

01

MONDAY

7:00 PM	Good Samaritan	(Rectory B.)

02

TUESDAY

7:00 PM	Bible Study	(FF Rooms)
7:15 PM	Men's Fellowship	(PC MR)

03

WEDNESDAY

6:00 AM	Men's Discipleship	(PC MR)
11:30 AM	WWP	(PC MR)
6:15 PM	Legion of Mary	(Rectory B.)
7:00 PM	Choir	(Church)
7:00 PM	OCIA	(PC MR)
8:00 PM	AA Meeting	(PC B.)

04

THURSDAY

05

FRIDAY

1:00 PM	Golden Grace	(PC MR)
2:00 PM	Patriotic Rosary	(Church)
3:30 PM	Legion of Mary	(Church B.)

PARISH NEWS



2025 MEN'S SOCK & UNDERWEAR DRIVE

On behalf of the Diocesan & St. Columbkille Holy Name Societies, and Fr. Suso, we want to thank all the people who contributed to our 8th Annual Men's Sock & Underwear Drive, for their generous donations to this worthy cause. Our Parish donations totaled 492 Socks, 144 Briefs, 79, T-shirts, and \$25.00 Cash. Hopefully, when the Deanery summarizes the other Diocese's collection amounts, we will be able to publish the totals. The program was very successful and will go a long way toward helping the needy and destitute men of our Diocese.

Again, we thank our Parishioners for their compassion and support toward helping the less fortunate, especially during these difficult economic times. May God bless all who donated – and – let us thank God for enabling us to give rather than to receive.

GOLDEN GRACE

All seniors are invited to attend the Golden Grace meeting on December 5 at 1 PM in the Parish Center. Free movie, popcorn, and food will be provided.



FAITH FORMATION

JOIN OUR ADORATION TEAM!

Today is the perfect day to spend time in Perpetual Adoration with Jesus. We are blessed at St. Columbkille to have one of the few Perpetual Adoration Chapels in the Diocese! There is a need of Adorers and we are asking for your help with the following hours:

Thursday: 12-1 PM

Friday: 12-1 AM, 10-11 AM, 11 AM-12 PM, 9-10 PM, 11 PM-12 AM

Saturday: 4-5 AM, 6-7 AM, 7-8 AM, 3-4 PM, 5-6 PM

Sunday: 3-4 AM, 8-9 AM, 9-10 AM, 10-11 AM

We pray you will become part of our Adoration Family! Please call Scott or Amanda at (216) 310-6831 with any questions. If you are a current adorer and would like an updated Adoration list for your hours, please send a request to seffertz@stcolumbkilleparish.org.



PARISH NEWS

St. Columbkille
Christmas Tree Lighting
Friday, December 12th at 7 pm

We invite all families, students, and parishioners to join us for our annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony and caroling! Come celebrate the joy of the season as each grade level lights their Christmas tree and we sing favorite holiday carols together. Cookies and hot cocoa will be served afterward for everyone to enjoy.

May the spirit of Christmas fill your heart with happiness and peace

GIVING TREE

It's time to turn our thoughts to our long-standing tradition of the Giving Tree. To participate, select a paper ornament from the Giving Tree located in the church vestibule. **Each ornament contains a specific request for a gift card for a person or family in need. Purchase the recommended gift card and place it in the Giving Tree treasure chest in the church vestibule (located next to the Giving Tree) no later than December 9th.** Be sure to attach the tag to the gift card to ensure that your gift goes to the specific person you wish to bless.

St. Columbkille Good Samaritan Ministry: The individuals and families they help face struggles with low income, emergency financial situations, serious medical problems, and even homelessness. Our Good Samaritans meet with and learn about the situation of all those they assist; they verify the needs each is facing. The Good Samaritans have identified several of the families and individuals they help who are in greatest need this holiday season. Those families and individuals have been added to our Giving Tree. Choose a "purple" tag and your Giving Tree gift card will go directly to an individual or family within our parish or local community.

Saint Stanislaus Elementary School: St. Stan's Catholic Elementary School, located in Cleveland's Slavic Village, is the parish school of the Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus. Through our Giving Tree Program, parishioners of St. Columbkille Parish have helped the students at St. Stanislaus School for over 10 years by providing a Christmas gift to each of the students in Grades 5-8. For some of these students, our Giving Tree gift card may be one of the few gifts they receive this Christmas!

Holy Name Elementary School: Holy Name Elementary is the parish school of Holy Name of Jesus Church located in the heart of Cleveland's Slavic Village. Dedicated members of St. Columbkille parish volunteer weekly in the school library at Holy Name and work with K-3 students who struggle to read. Many of these children do not have fun books to read in their homes. Owning a book that is truly their own can make a meaningful and lasting difference. Not only can it improve reading skills, but it can also build confidence and encourage a love of reading. Gift cards donated for these students will be used to buy each of the K-3 students their very own storybook!

L'Arche Cleveland: L'Arche Cleveland is a special community devoted to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Currently, L'Arche Cleveland has 5 loving homes that uphold the premise that every person has something valuable to contribute, even the most vulnerable. Each day at L'Arche, people with and without intellectual disabilities develop extraordinary friendships through ordinary activities: preparing meals, brushing teeth, shopping for groceries, and praying together. Weaknesses and vulnerabilities are not hidden from others but are welcomed and shared. L'Arche Cleveland not only impacts the lives of their core members with intellectual and developmental disabilities, but also, the greater community. Giving Tree gift cards for L'Arche go directly to one of the adults with intellectual disabilities who is living at one of the L'Arche homes.

Zelie's Home: Zelie's Home is a caring community that empowers pregnant and parenting women to take positive and effective action on behalf of themselves and their children. Not only does Zelie's home provide shelter for the moms and their children, but it provides physical, emotional, spiritual, and professional support, as well. For Zelie's Home moms, the Christmas season holds a special significance, often marking their first true family Christmas.

Metro Catholic Elementary School: Metro Catholic is an elementary school on the near westside of Cleveland which came into existence with the merging of St. Boniface, St. Michael, and St. Stephen to ensure the continuation of quality, Catholic education for families of modest means. Today, remaining true to its beginning, Metro Catholic strives to develop an outstanding Catholic elementary school that provides students from an underserved community with the academic preparation, values, and skills they need to break the cycle of poverty and lead fulfilling, productive lives. Your Giving Tree gift card for a Metro Catholic student will be given to one of those families most in need to help make their Christmas a little brighter.



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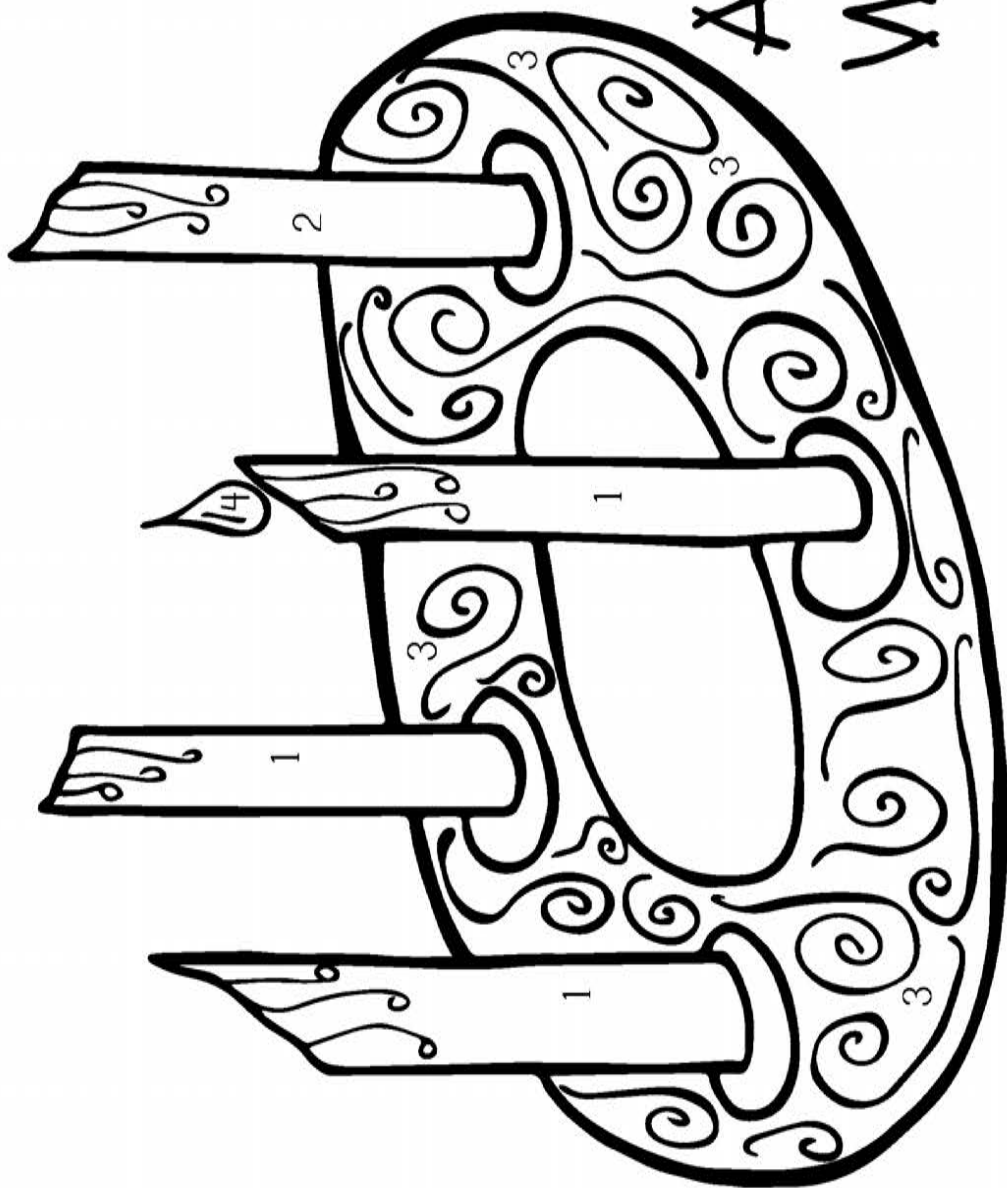
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Advent
Wreath.

- 1: Purple
- 2: Pink
- 3: Green
- 4: Yellow

Countdown
to Jesus'
Birthday...

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Sundays!



Advent
Wreath

Gospel

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We should always be ready for Jesus to return.
We practice waiting during Advent as we wait for Christmas.



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