

FIRST SUNDAY - HOPE

November 29

The first purple candle, often called the Prophet's Candle, symbolizes Hope. It reminds us of the promises God made through the prophets, who longed for the coming of the Messiah. Lighting this candle invites us to place our trust in God's faithfulness and to anticipate Christ's coming with eager and expectant hearts. Advent begins as a season of waiting, and this candle encourages us to prepare spiritually for the joy of Christmas.



SECOND SUNDAY- PEACE

December 6

The second purple candle represents Peace, also known as the Bethlehem Candle. It calls us to reflect on the peace that Christ brings into our lives, families, and communities. As we journey through Advent, this candle encourages reconciliation, forgiveness, and quiet moments of prayer, reminding us to make room for God's peace in a world that is often noisy and unsettled.



THIRD SUNDAY - JOY

December 13

The third candle, rose-colored, is the Shepherd's Candle and symbolizes Joy. This candle marks a shift in Advent, as we draw closer to the celebration of Christ's birth. On Gaudete Sunday, we rejoice in the Lord's nearness and remember that even amid preparation and reflection, joy is at the heart of our faith. It invites us to celebrate God's love and the hope of salvation with hearts full of gratitude and gladness.



FOURTH SUNDAY- LOVE

December 20

The fourth purple candle is called the Angel's Candle and represents Love. It reflects God's ultimate love for us, revealed in the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ. As Christmas approaches, this candle reminds us to deepen our love for God and for one another, sharing compassion, kindness, and generosity. It calls us to mirror Christ's love in our daily lives as we prepare to welcome Him into our hearts.