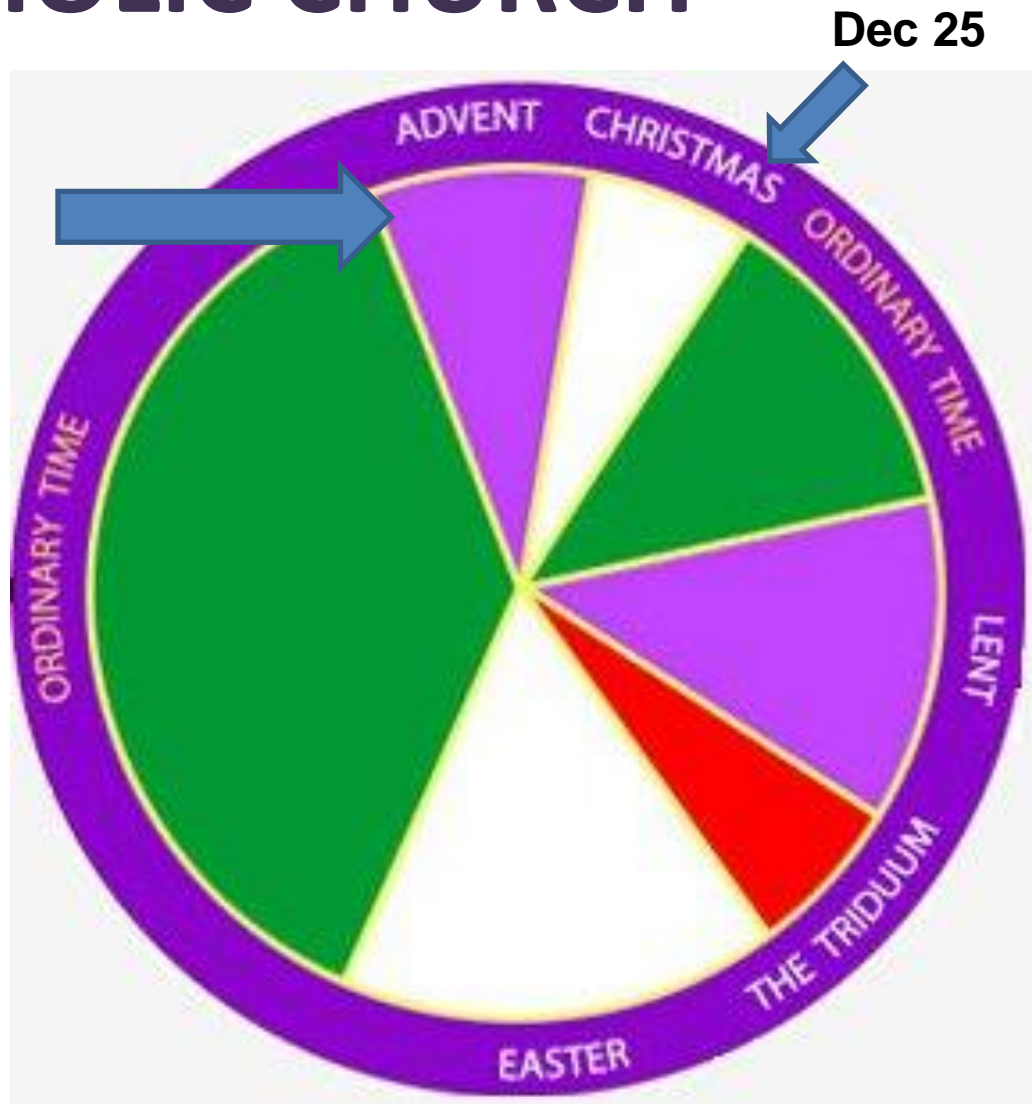


# BEGINNING OF LITURGICAL YEAR FOR CATHOLIC CHURCH

**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN  
ADVENT**

**THIS YEAR:**

**DEC 1, 2019**



# **ADVENT:** *from the Latin word adventus meaning "coming"*

- Beginning of Liturgical Year
- Four weeks long
- Designated scripture readings  
to focus the Church's thoughts on the first coming of Jesus Christ as savior and his second coming as judge



# ADVENT WREATH



THE ADVENT WREATH IS **GREEN**

- THE COLOR OF NEW LIFE AND HOPE
- REMINDS US OF THE NEWBORN JESUS, WHO CAME TO SHOW US THE WAY TO EVERLASTING LIFE
- REMINDS US OF THE GIFT OF NEW LIFE WE RECEIVED AT BAPTISM
- REMINDS US THAT WE ARE PEOPLE OF HOPE, BECAUSE GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US, TO RAISE US UP WHEN WE ARE SAD, WHEN WE ARE SICK, AND EVEN WHEN WE DIE

**THREE PURPLE CANDLES** AND **ONE ROSE CANDLE**

- **PURPLE** IS THE COLOR OF ROYALTY
- **PURPLE** IS THE COLOR OF *PENANCE*: THE SMALL SACRIFICES WE MAKE TO WELCOME JESUS IN OUR HEARTS, IN OUR NEIGHBOR AND TO PREPARE OURSELVES TO MEET HIM ON CHRISTMAS DAY
- THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT: **ROSE** CANDLE  
**ROSE** IS THE COLOR OF JOY TO REMIND US OF THE JOY OF MEETING JESUS AT CHRISTMAS

# ADVENT WREATH



- CIRCLE  
REMINDS US OF GOD'S EVERLASTING LOVE, WHICH HAS NO BEGINNING OR END
- THE LIGHT OF THE CANDLES REMINDS US OF JESUS, WHO COMES TO US AS LIGHT OF THE WORLD

# ADVENT RESOURCES

- FIND A MEANS TO FOCUS YOUR ATTENTION EVERY DAY DURING ADVENT
  - REDEEMED ONLINE
  - DYNAMIC CATHOLIC
  - OTHER SUGGESTIONS