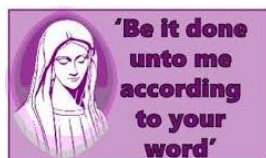
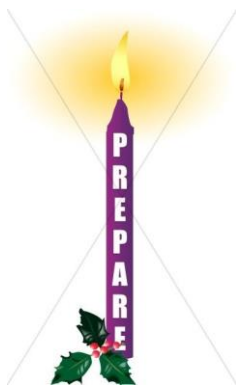




Visitors

Advent is a time when we appreciate the love in our lives and prepare to celebrate love becoming a reality in the person of Jesus. Christians at Christmas celebrate the gift of Jesus, given by God as a sign and expression of God's love. Giving and receiving reflects the truth that all life is given by God and life is given meaning through the gift of Jesus. We will learn about the Jesse Tree, the Annunciation, the Visitation and the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary.



Key Vocabulary

Demands: an insistent request.

Visitor: a person visiting someone or somewhere.

Isaiah: Isaiah is one of the most important Old Testament prophets, who predicted the birth of Jesus Christ.

Messiah: the promised "anointed one" or Christ; the Saviour. Christians believe that Jesus was the Messiah who delivered mankind from its sins.

Advent: the period beginning four Sundays before Christmas.

Annunciation: the announcement by the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary that she would conceive a son by the power of the Holy Spirit to be called Jesus (Luke 1:26–38).

The Visitation: the visit, described in the Gospel According to Luke (1:39–56), made by the Virgin Mary, pregnant with the infant Jesus, to her cousin Elizabeth.

Magnificat: The Magnificat is the song that the Virgin Mary sang when she was told by the angel that she was going to give birth to God's son

Joyful Mysteries: The Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary are so called because they recount all the Joys of the "Good News", namely Jesus.

Key Knowledge

- Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.
- The meaning of the Jesse tree.
- Isaiah foretells the coming of the Messiah.
- The joys and demands of being a Christian.
- The stories of the Annunciation and the Visitation.
- The story of the birth of Jesus and the visit of the shepherds. (Luke)
- The visit of the Wise Men. (Matthew)
- An understanding that Jesus came to Earth for the good of all.

Questions of Meaning and Purpose:

- How visitors are welcomed?
- The joys and demands of visitors?