

Sunday, December 12, 2004 – **Third Sunday of Advent**

This Week's Readings: [Is 35:1-6a, 10](#), [Jas 5:7-10](#), [Mt 11:2-11](#)



This week, we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as "Gaudete Sunday". "Gaudete" means joy! To symbolize this joy as we wait for our savior, we light the pink candle on our Advent wreath. For this week's craft, make your own Advent wreath. This wreath was made by my son Adam, who is also counting the days to Christmas. Using construction paper, we traced around Adam's hands, which became the "leaves" on our wreath. We glued them to a paper plate, cutting a hole in the center. Next, we made our candles by rolling pieces of purple and pink construction paper and attaching our "flames". You can add the flames each week as you "light" your Advent wreath. Your special wreath can stay "lit" all the time, just like the joy we feel at the coming of the birth of Baby Jesus!

For More Fun:

Feast of St. Nicholas, Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Guadalupe – This week, we celebrate many special dates on our Church Calendar. Visit www.CatholicMom.com for activities related to each of these special event.

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Send me a Christmas card! Do you know what I'd love for Christmas? I'd love to receive a coloring picture or note from you! Every week when I prepare this coloring activity, I say a prayer that these activities will bless and teach a few special boys and girls. You and I are learning about this Gospel together! If you have time before Christmas, draw me a picture, color something fun, or write me a note and send it to me. It would be great to know that there are friends out there coloring with me each week! Here's my address:

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