

## Second Sunday of Advent



We are in the joyous season of Advent. It is fitting that the liturgical color for Advent is violet. Violet is a representation of spiritual fulfillment, health, love, and clarity. While violet is rarely seen in nature, it does hold a sacred meaning that is delicate and precious. Violet is the combination of the strength of blue, which represents tranquility, hope, and stability, and red, which represents stability and energy. It is fitting that violet symbolizes Advent and translates into the love of Christ; the hope for our future; and the stability and power of those who serve him. We give thanks for Advent and its representation of the color violet.

As we enter the second week of Advent, we eagerly anticipate the celebration of the Nativity of Christ our Savior and reflect on Isaiah 9:6, *“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”* Let us remember the Nativity and the first Christmas gift of the Nativity that was found in a Bethlehem stable. As we ponder on the Nativity, we are reminded that the Nativity is the sign of hope, love, faith, and salvation. Our King and Savior was born in a stable of peace in an unstable world. In this world of uncertainty, the Nativity gives us hope.

As we enter the second week of Advent, anticipate the Nativity; be clothed in the strength and calmness of the royal color of violet; and celebrate with friends and family the true gift of Christmas, our Savior, Jesus.

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