



What is Advent?



Advent:

Latin: *ad* (to) + *venire* (come)
—————→ *adventus* (arrival)

When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this *ancient expectancy of the Messiah*, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviour's first coming, the faithful *renew their ardent desire* for his second coming. By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: "He must increase, but I must decrease."

– Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) 524

Advent: *a time of preparation*

We're all called to prepare our hearts for the arrival of Jesus Christ. This preparation is not just for His first and second coming, but it's a preparation for **every moment** of our lives.

For He desires to enter into the mangers of our hearts. To turn our hopelessness into an unyielding hope, to be the light that breaks through our darkness.

As we begin this journey of preparation, there is one question that we've to ask ourselves:

Is there room
in your



Heart?

Invitations

for the week:

1. Watch: The True Meaning of Advent – Ascension Presents
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WD357YYDk1A>

2. Read: Advent and the Great Homecoming – Word on Fire
<https://www.wordonfire.org/articles/fellows/advent-and-the-great-homecoming/?queryID=5d0f2f705efd29b83c0d4fe495c83c59>