



**Holy Spirit
Catholic Community**



The Celebration and Column Candles

We see many lights around us during the Advent/Christmas Season. Lights twinkle on trees and house eaves. Candles glow during our celebrations. You might have the Irish tradition of putting a candle in the window to welcome any travelers, who like Mary and Joseph, may need a warm shelter. If you have a Scandinavian background, you might light the Christmas Table Candle on your dinner table during your meal. This candle burns throughout the night as a reminder of Christ. Or your tradition might be to light the Advent Wreath at your home anticipating the second coming of Christ.



In our Worship Space we also have many candles. There are four 9' Celebration Candles holders in the space. These candles were lighted for the first time at the Dedication of our House for the Church. They will also be used throughout the year for other special liturgies. During the Advent Season they take on a new role as the Advent Candles in our "living Advent wreath". These four candles are located in equal distance from each other and if you drew a line directly across from one to another, a cross would develop in the center of the Worship Space. On the Celebration Candle holders are silver metal "flames" depicting the Spirit.

Also, in the Worship Space are 20 Column Candles which are lighted on special occasions like the Anniversary of our Dedication, Easter, Christmas, or for Taizé, reconciliation or healing services. The flames of these candles remind us that we are the Light of Christ present to others.