



# Advent by Candlelight

## Hostess Information

November 30, 2023



Church of the Holy Family

We are so excited to once again offer Advent by Candlelight, an evening gathering for women to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. Thank you for your willingness to hostess this special event!

### Who is an “Advent by Candlelight” hostess?

An Advent by Candlelight hostess invites 7 women to join her for an evening of prayer, reflection and fellowship. She and her seven guests will meet in the church, where a pew is reserved for them, for a service with prayer, music, and short talks. The hostess will also prepare a table in the Father Bush Large Hall where she and her guests will enjoy refreshments and friendship following our time in the church.

### Who will sit at my table?

The Hostess is encouraged to invite 7 guests to her table. If you have any open seats at your table, the coordinators may place unassigned guests to join you. If the hostess has not yet registered her table online, please visit [hfgb.org](http://hfgb.org) and look under upcoming events. Your registration confirmation will include a link to a digital invitation you are welcome to use to invite your guests. Or click here: [Invitation for Guests](#).

You may designate a seat for your guests by making place cards or let them choose where to sit.

Tables will be capped at 8 guests. If you have any open seats at your table, please contact Nicole Urbanik, Hostess Coordinator, who will be able to assign unattached guests to your table.<sup>2</sup>  
Email: [nurbanik@hfgb.org](mailto:nurbanik@hfgb.org)

### What will I be serving?

The hostess is responsible for providing dessert and/or hors d'oeuvres for herself and 7 women. Bake it, buy it, share with another hostess, or ask a guest to bring it! This is NOT a contest and not intended to add more stress to an already busy season. Please keep it simple and provide finger foods only. No crock pots! Each hostess will serve her refreshments to the guests at her table.



### What will I need to set my table?

- Place settings and service for 8 - this will include table covering, carafes for coffee & tea, creamer & sugar, cups, napkins, serving dishes and utensils, etc.
- We encourage Christmas decorations such as a Crèche, an advent wreath, etc. Keep in mind that this is NOT a decorating contest, and there is limited room on the table after you have the 8 place settings and food.
- Candles are welcomed and encouraged. ALL FLAME MUST BE CONTAINED WITHIN GLASS.
- Hostess is responsible for setting up and cleaning up her table.

### What will be provided?

Holy Family will only provide the following items, which will be available in the hall:

- Water pitchers
- Coffee
- Hot water for tea

### When should I prepare my table?

Set up at Father Bush Hall:  
Wednesday, November 29, 5-7pm or  
Thursday, November 30, noon - 6pm

Open church & welcome guests: 6pm

*Please note: There is a pew for every table.*

### Is there anything else I should know?

In lieu of gifts at your table, we are asking that each hostess invite her guests to consider bringing a nonperishable food or personal item, such as deodorant or toothpaste to help stock our Outreach ministry for the Christmas season. Items will be collected in the gathering space as you arrive.

Faith



Hope



Joy



Love

Thank you for your enthusiasm and for your willingness to make Advent by Candlelight a special occasion for so many women!!

♥ Mary Heron & Jill Welch  
Event Hostesses