

PEACE LIGHT FOR CHRISTMAS

Dear Christ the King Parishioners,

Do you want to bring the Peace Light into your home this Christmas season? If you do, **NOW is the time to get ready** to receive the Peace Light which will be distributed in the Church after the 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday, December 20 and after the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses on Sunday, December 21, 2025.

What is the Peace Light?

The Peace Light is a perpetual flame originating from the site of Jesus birth and spread around the world with a message of peace and friendship.

When does the flame arrive?

Austrian Airlines chooses the date they will bring the Peace Light to us. It usually arrives early in December. Visit the [New York City Arrival](#) page on the Peace Light North America website for more information.

How do I carry and keep the Peace Light?

You have options:

1. [Oil lanterns](#) are good for transporting the flame long distances and maintaining it during long ceremonies. They have a strong reliable flame source and can burn for many hours depending on the size of the fuel tank. Oil lanterns make a great centerpiece for a ceremony, and normally open easily at the bottom to access the flame for transfer. The price of oil lamps varies greatly based on the style (glass or metal), size and manufacturer.

A favorite of CtK parishioners is the Deitz Jupiter Oil Lantern #2500 available on Amazon.

A new source is Lehman's and their [Rayo series lanterns](#).

Also, [W. T. Kirkman Lanterns](#) is an excellent resource for all types of oil lanterns.

We highly recommend using a liquid paraffin or other smokeless and odorless fuel!

2. [UCO Candle Lanterns](#) or [cemetery candle lanterns](#)

[UCO candle lanterns](#) are a convenient and reliable method of transporting a Peace Light flame for a few hours. The UCO lantern has a sturdy metal frame and a glass chimney. To light the candle, you slide the glass chimney down and light the exposed candle wick. As the candle burns, the spring-powered tube pushes the candle up for a reliable, constant flame. If you place the small candle lantern inside a stainless steel coffee mug, they will fit nicely in a vehicle cup holder for convenient travel.

Cemetery candle lanterns are available on Amazon or at church supply houses.

3. [Sanctuary Candle](#)

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Sanctuary Candles will maintain the Peace Light for many days; they are available from online retailers and church supply houses and are usually used by churches to keep a constant flame. These are most typically used for stationary flames, but they are convenient for short travel distances and will fit nicely in a vehicle cup holder; just use caution that melted wax doesn't extinguish the flame.

4. Vigil or Dollar Store Candles

*Vigil candles, sometimes called prayer or church candles, are inexpensive and commonly available at many retailers. They are great for sharing the Peace Light person-to-person and for maintaining the flame for a day or two. They fit nicely in a vehicle cup holder, so travel is convenient, **but be careful that melted wax doesn't extinguish the flame. These candles only last a short while. They are the least expensive option; however, you will need to plan to transfer the light to something that lasts longer.***

Extreme care needs to be taken when transporting the Peace Light in a moving vehicle.

§ Be sure the candle or lantern is secure and will travel safely without intervention from the driver. (Click the link to the right for instructions to build a robust lantern carrier.) [Lantern Carrier](#)

§ Place the lantern or candle in a container that can absorb and/or contain fuel or candle wax in case the flame tips over. A bucket of sand or small pebbles will work.

§ If using a lantern, use clean-burning odor-free fuel.

§ Carry a fire extinguisher and carbon monoxide detector in the car.

§ Leave a window open a small amount to ensure adequate ventilation.

§ If possible, have a passenger in the car to watch the candle.

Now is the time to plan and choose the best option for your family to transport and maintain the Peace Light. Some vigil candles will be made available on December 20 and 21 but be aware that melted wax could extinguish the flame.

Additional information is available at: <https://www.peacelightnorthamerica.org/welcome>