

**The Reflection from Pastor Fr. John  
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**THE ANGEL'S CANDLE – PEACE**



The fourth week of Advent is marked with the fourth candle known as the Angel's Candle or the Candle of peace, it draws our attention to that night of the Savior's birth in Bethlehem. The angels appear in the sky to the shepherds and proclaim: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests!"

The Angels give glory and praise to God in proclaiming the good news of great joy, the birth of the savior, who is Christ and Lord. In their announcing that he comes to bring peace to all

on whom his favor rests, those who come to know and believe in the Prince of Peace.

As we continue our advent journey, we can find many things that can bring about some anxiety. From the simple task of preparing for the celebration of Christmas both at home and in Church; to the more permanent struggles of life and family. With the intensifying inflation rate, the lessening sense of safety and security in the upsurge in criminality and the challenges from the supply chain.

We can find ourselves needing this peace of mind, heart, and soul the only our Savior can bring us. The call for Peace certainly is a call to for all peoples to live in harmony and unity. Yet what is a more profound reality is that Our Lord Jesus Christ comes to bring us a true sense of inner peace and strength in grace to meet the challenges of life.

Attentively at your service in our Lord.

Father John Carlos