



December 2020

Dear Friends,

For the first two weeks of Advent, the focus of the season can be summed up in the phrase, ***“The Lord is coming.”*** But beginning with the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, our focus changes. The summary might be, ***“The Lord is near.”*** This shift is marked by a lighter mood and a heightened sense of joyous anticipation for the celebration of Christmas.

In this most unpredictable and unprecedented year, the news of vaccines for COVID-19 provide for us another shift—one that is also marked by a heightened sense of joyous anticipation of once again gathering with everyone in person for our Sunday Mass.

Our tradition during the Advent season has been to offer a gift to you of an ornament for your Christmas tree. In the spirit of that tradition, please accept this AGLOChicago printable Christmas Ornament to cut out and color. It is a small reminder for your Christmas tree this year of our community of faith.

Have some fun coloring and putting your ornament together and share a photo of your finished ornament on our Facebook page at facebook.com/aglochicago or by email to aglo@aglochicago.org.

The Lord is near! Merry Christmas!

Carol Ruth Kimmel
Director of Liturgy

Directions



We're sharing a special AGLOChicago printable 3-D Christmas ornament. Just print-cut-and-color yours today. A unique way to continue our tradition during this unique year.

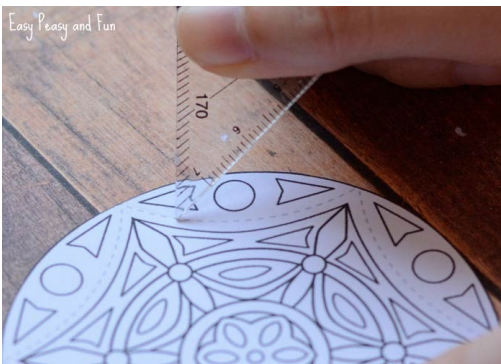
What you need:

- *AGLOChicago ornament template to color*
- *Printer*
- *Paper (heaver paper works best but regular printer paper works just fine)*
- *Scissors*
- *Coloring markers, pencils or other medium you wish to use*
- *Glue (stick glue is great)*
- *Tape*
- *Thread/string for hanging*

Start by printing the ornament template on the last page and cutting out the circles. For each ornament you will need 2 (two) circles.

With a scoring pen/bone (or something equally effective - ruler, tip of a pen, craft knife...) trace the dashed line (strongly pressing as you go).

Fold the flaps "inside".





This is what you should be seeing now.



Cut thread/string/ribbon, tie into a loop and secure inside the ornament with some tape (as shown on picture). Make sure the loop is outside the ornament at all times.



Now let's assemble the ornament.

Start by applying glue on one flap only (on one ornament half only). Stick the other ornament half on the first one (flap on flap). Allow the glue to dry completely before you continue. When the glue is dry, continue adding glue to other flaps until you come all the way around.



Hang on your Christmas tree.

Don't forget to take a photo of your ornament to share at [facebook.com/aglochicago](https://www.facebook.com/aglochicago) or send it us at aglo@aglochicago.org.

-Adapted from www.easypeasyandfun.com

