



1st Sunday of ADVENTD 30 November 25 – Cycle A



THE ART OF WAITING AWAKE



SETTING

Prepare yourself and be ready to receive the One who is coming, the One who is always present.

Open your heart and mind; lift your gaze to the horizon where hope is born. Embrace the talents God entrusts to you and let your feet always walk close to the little ones.

May this Advent be for everyone a time of attentive waiting and love in action. Let us walk, as the Church, the people of God, alongside the most vulnerable and needy.

SONG: – O COME IMMANUEL

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PQuq4umpb3Q>

GOSPEL – Mathew 24, 37 – 44

“Just as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark. And they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. Therefore, keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

What does the Word tell us today? (*Marie–Noëlle THABUT*)

Is 2,1-5. God has freely chosen

That specific people chosen to make a covenant with him is what we call the election of Israel, and at the same time, this plan of God concerns all humanity.

Psalms 121:1-9. God cannot be unfaithful to his promises; as Saint Paul says, “God cannot deny himself.”

Romans 13:11-14. “Salvation is nearer now than in the days when we first believed.” Saint Paul’s words are true for us today as well! One of the articles of our faith is that history is not a perpetual cycle of starting over; on the contrary, what is meant is that God’s plan moves forward irresistibly.

Matthew 24:37-44. One thing is clear: this text was not written to frighten us, but to enlighten us. This type of writing is called “apocalyptic”: this literally means that it “lifts the veil,” that it reveals reality. And the reality, the only one that matters, is the coming of Christ. Let’s look at the vocabulary used: coming, coming, event, and always in relation to Jesus; “Jesus spoke to his disciples about his coming...” For now, let’s focus on

what usually bothers us in this Gospel: the comparison with the flood in Noah's time and the warning: "Two men will be in the field, one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be at the mill; one will be taken and the other left." How can we understand, in these expressions, a word of the Gospel, in the true sense of the word, Good News? As always, it is necessary, first of all, to make an act of faith: when Jesus tells us something, it is always to reveal to us God's merciful destiny; he is not trying to frighten us. In reality, what Jesus gives us is advice. And here we find a familiar theme: the judgment between the good and the bad; between the wheat and the tares. Clearly, it's not a matter of speaking of good and bad as if they were two distinct categories of humanity; this is merely a figure of speech, a stylistic choice: good and evil. Indeed, the good grain and the tares reside within each of us: let us understand, then, that in the heart of each of us, the good will be preserved and the evil uprooted. Let us also note how Jesus uses the title Son of Man: three times in just a few lines. In Hebrew, the expression "son of man" simply means "man." Saint Paul expresses the reality of this mystery in another way when he says that Christ is the head of a Body of which we are members. And, according to Saint Augustine: The man Jesus has already come, but the whole Christ is being born.

Clues for prayer

- ✓ We are beginning a new liturgical season. How do you feel about this? What calls are you receiving?
- ✓ As a parish, as a community... how are we preparing to live this season?



AMBIENTAL MUSIC.

Música instrumental de Adviento

<https://youtu.be/KZiRd9Cw-js?si=5SMIV9CgoHmMgHgb>

LISTEN AND WELCOME

The Lord arrives...or rather,
He never leaves.
Make us aware of who we are,
of what we experience,
of what pulsates around us.
Attentive.
To the whispers that
are barely audible,
to the messages that
are hidden in the small things.
Help us to be the answer,
to become a gesture.
Ready to welcome,
everyone, always,
especially the little ones.
And also ourselves,
with our light and shadows.
Joyful.
Feeling life,
illuminating with laughter,
drawing dreams that
awaken hope.
Attentive.

Letting everything speak,
listening to what cries out,
being sensitive to pain
and to beauty.
With open eyes,
looking with respect,
valuing what exists,
being the missing answer.
Arms outstretched,
to embrace with passion,
to express boundless love.
Ready to walk with the poor,
carrying only what is necessary,
looking in every direction,
so as not to pass them by.
Awake, watchful,
waiting for the God who
comes small.
Welcoming Him,
learning to be
like Him...children.
This is Advent.
This is starting anew.

SONG:EVERY VELLY SHALL BE EXALTED

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ProyIHOMtLE>

MARANATHA - CRISTÓBAL FONES, SJ

https://youtu.be/3Ih4GmIPv38?si=Ccld7cSQCoLD9_sG



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