

GRACE AT HOME



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

KEEP WATCH AND BE PREPARED

I was glad when they said, "Let us go up to the house of the Lord." – Psalm 122:1

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.



1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is near," we
 2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age
 3 See the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, come with par - don
 4 So, when next he comes in glo - ry and the world is
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther



hear it say. "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness,
 let us rise; Christ, our sun, all sloth of dis - pel - ling,
 down from heav'n. Let us haste, with tears of sor - row,
 wrapped in fear, he will shield us with his mer - cy
 and the Son with the ev - er - last - ing Spir - it



all you chil - dren of the day!"
 shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
 one and all, to be for - giv'n;
 and with words of love draw near.
 while un - end - ing a - ges run!

PSALM FOR THE WEEK

Psalm 122

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 24:36-44

QUESTIONS TO TALK ABOUT AT HOME

- 1) Why does no one know the day or the hour of Jesus' coming back?
- 2) What does Jesus mean when He says that His return will be like in the days of Noah?
- 3) What sort of things keep you from paying attention to what is happening around you? What distractions do you have in your life?
- 4) What is a way that you can pay more attention to the coming of Jesus?



PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. – Psalm 78:4

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Sundays, 9:15am

Nov. 30th ...NO CLASS

Dec. 7th ...Rededication of the Temple

Dec. 14th ...Term Review Games

Dec. 21st ...NO CLASS

Dec. 28th ...NO CLASS



DAILY READINGS

Mon. – 2 Tim 4:1-8; Acts 9:19-31

Tues. – Titus 2; Acts 9:32-43

Wed. – Titus 3; Acts 10:9-23a

Thur. – Heb 1; Acts 10:23b-33

Fri. – Heb 3; Acts 10:34-48

CATECHISM CORNER

THE SEVENTH PETITION

And deliver us from evil.

What does this mean?

We ask in this prayer, as in a summary, that our Father in heaven may deliver us from all kinds of evil—affecting body or soul, property or reputation—and at last, when our final hour comes, may grant us a blessed end and take us by grace from this valley of tears to himself in heaven.

GOD'S WORD BY HEART

In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I am not afraid; what can flesh do to me? – Psalm 56:4

M O N O R A I L S B G E Y F W F G B S Q
 M L N P R U N I N G H O O K S V E S W U
 O C C C V T R O U B A D O U R J R S O O
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 N N T V M I Q C J X H W A T C H A H D C
 T A S N A C K S M A T T E R H O R N S H
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 N E J O I B Z X E T R G L I P S C S O E
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WAIT
 JESUS
 WATCH
 LIGHT
 PLOWS
 BLUE
 ADVENT
 ISAIAH
 CANDLES
 ZION
 MOUNTAIN
 PRUNING HOOKS
 SPEARS

NOAH
 SWORDS
 CAROL

