



27 November 2022
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



INTRODUCTION:

Our Advent journey, as in the days of old, is to climb the mountain of the Lord, to come to God. We need only to “stay awake” as we progress toward the celebration of the Nativity and the fullness of life to come.

READINGS:

Reading I: Isaiah 2:1-5
Responsorial Psalm: 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Reading II: Romans 13:11-14
Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

CELEBRANT: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord knowing that He listens to our prayers and strengthens us on our journey of faith. Our response is: **HEAR OUR PRAYER O LORD**

1. That the Holy Father, the Bishops, Clergy, Religious and the Lay Faithful may put on the life of Jesus as they journey towards God... we pray to the Lord.
2. That the leaders of nations may work towards peace and the strengthening of rights of the people entrusted to their care... we pray to the Lord...
3. That we may always stay awake as children of the light and show God’s love, patience, and compassion to others in a world surrounded by the darkness of violence, selfishness, and greed... we pray to the Lord...
4. That as we prepare for Advent, we may make prayer a habit of grace and make efforts to be generous and kind, especially towards the poor... we pray to the Lord...
5. That God may now listen to the prayers we make from the depth of our hearts... (*pause for 7 secs*)... we pray to the Lord...

CELEBRANT: We thank You Lord for listening to the prayers we have made with faith in You and Your Son Jesus who lives and reigns in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.