



**03 DECEMBER 2023**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - B**



## INTRODUCTION

The beginning of Advent reminds us that the second coming of Jesus at the end of time, will come unexpectedly; and we must not be caught off guard, when the Day of the Lord arrives. God will reward those who wait for his visitation, and make good use of the gifts he gives us, for his glory.

## READINGS

**First Reading:** Is 63: 16b-17; 64:1, 3b-8  
**Resp. Psalm:** Ps 80: 2ac & 3b, 15-16, 18-19  
**Second Reading:** 1Cor 1:3-9  
**Gospel:** Mk 13: 33-37

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### CELEBRANT:

God sent his only Son to guide us in his ways. We ask you loving Father for the grace to be always aware of Jesus' presence, so as to live lives of integrity; as we pray, **RESPONSE:** Lord hear our Prayer

That Pope Francis, bishops, priests and religious, help their flock to grow in awareness of God's unfailing presence, and unconditional love for them; we pray... **R/**

That those who faithfully strive to stay united with the Lord by way of vocal and mental prayer, and prayer of the heart may be rewarded with the peace and happiness flowing from the heart of God; we pray... **R/**

That those missionaries and catechists, who work to spread the good news of God, be given courage and strength to overcome all opposition and discouragement in their apostolate; we pray... **R/**

That during this season of Advent, we may seriously reflect on the second coming of Jesus at the end of time; and constantly prepare ourselves to receive him with joy when he comes; we pray... **R/**

That the Lord may accept the personal needs and intentions that we bring to God with faith, [pause], we pray... **R/**

### CELEBRANT:

Heavenly Father, help us to spread the message of your constant loving presence among us always, through our life and our words. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. AMEN.