



30 November 2025
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



INTRODUCTION:

On this first Sunday of Advent, the church enjoins us to rejoice because that night of long pilgrimage to God's eternal city of peace will soon be fruitful. The reign of peace is close at hand. Therefore, we must wake up and be ready to receive Christ into our lives, families, and nation.

READINGS:

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

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again. Let us pray that we may be always ready to welcome him:

Response: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

For our Holy Father, Pope Leo, that the Lord will grant him health and strength to continue to lead the Church forward (pause). We pray to the Lord.

For the mission of the Church in our country, that we may be true witnesses to the gospel, both in word and in deed (pause). We pray to the Lord.

For places where violence is used for political ends, that the light of Christ may penetrate the darkness of sin (pause). We pray to the Lord.

For our own community that, in keeping Advent well, our hearts may be opened to God's love (pause). We pray to the Lord.

For the sick, the lonely and those who feel abandoned, that God's face may shine upon them and bring them healing, wholeness and peace (pause). We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Gracious God, your patience with us is beyond our understanding. We place our prayers before you, trusting that you will hear and answer them, through Christ, our Lord.