

## First Sunday of Advent Year A, Cycle I

- ☐ **Sat. November 27, 5:00 pm**
- ☐ **Sun. November 28, 9:00 am**
- ☐ **Sun. November 28, 11:00 am**

Readings: 1) Isaiah 2:1-5 2) Romans 13:11-14 3) Matthew 24:37-44

Today we celebrate the **The First Sunday of Advent in Year A**

The focus for today's Mass is Advent invites us to open our lives and hearts more fully to the Lord.

Today's first reading promises that an age will come when people will beat their swords into plowshares so peace may reign upon the earth.

The reading from Romans calls us to *put on the armor of light*.

In the Gospel, Jesus instructs us to *stay awake*, for we do not know when our time will come to stand before him.

The intention for this Mass is for the repose of all souls.

**PRIEST: Striving to be ready and prepared to greet the Lord Jesus when he returns in glory, let us offer our prayers to our loving Father in heaven.**

For our priests  
as they encourage the faithful  
to cast aside sin and selfishness  
so the love of Christ may flourish in our hearts  
and make us bearers of his peace to others.

**We pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.**

For all people to open their hearts to God's grace  
so hatred may be changed into love,  
and peace may reign upon the earth.

**We pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.**

For those who are shackled and held captive by sin

**We pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.**

For the faithful departed,  
Especially Francesca Dada and Yvonne Koll  
as they join all the angels and Saints in heaven  
in singing God's praises for all eternity.

**We pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.**

For all who bear the burden of sickness,  
especially

**We pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.**

For each of us as we strive to ready ourselves for the return of the Lord  
by praying every day and by doing acts of charity.

**We pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.**

For our own personal intentions, .....(long pause)

**We pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.**

**PRIEST: Heavenly Father, hear our prayers this day and grant us the grace that we need to remain steadfast in faith. We ask this through your Son Jesus Christ.**

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