

The First Sunday of Advent Year C

Sunday, December 02, 2012

Readings: 1) Jeremiah 33:14-16 2) 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2 3) Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

The focus for today's Mass:**The time of preparation, anticipation, and expectation is upon us.****Jeremiah announces, in the first reading, that the days are coming when the promise of God will be fulfilled.****Paul reminds the Thessalonians to be strong in their faith.****In the Gospel, Jesus extols his listeners to be vigilant in prayer and strength.****GENERAL INTERCESSIONS****PRIEST:****As we begin this season of Advent with confident hope that our Redeemer is coming, let us pray for God's blessings.****For the Church, may she always be steadfast and strong
in shepherding new members
to strengthening their belief in God,**

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

**For nations of the world may they remain aware of the need
to share resources and protect our environment,**

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

**For those suffering from body, mind or spirit,
Especially: Al Mamprin**

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

**For the faithful departed,
may they live in eternal happiness with God,**

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

**For our community, may everyone learn to live together
in peace and mutual support,**

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:**Ever-faithful God, you promised to send a Savior to your people. Renew us in this promise as we await the coming of your Son. We pray through our Lord Jesus Christ.**