

The First Sunday of Advent**Year C**

Sunday, December 2, 2018

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

Sunday Liturgy

The focus for today is: The Jesus who is born in time and history is also the Christ who will come in glory to judge all.

The season of Advent begins with a call to perseverance and vigilance as we prepare to celebrate not just the historical event of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, but our central belief that Christ will come again in glory to judge all humanity. Our readings are chosen to help us reflect on this great truth and be prepared for the coming of Christ.

In a time of great upheaval and chaos for Israel, Jeremiah reassures the people of better days to come, when a descendent of David will rule them with integrity and honesty. Looking forward to the return of Christ in glory, Saint Paul reminds us that we must strive for true holiness now. In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that no matter what befalls us in this life, we are to have confidence in him, the Son of Man.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**PRIEST:**

The Lord calls us to be vigilant at all times.

With confidence in our hearts, we bring our prayers before him.

**For Pope Francis, the bishops and all leaders in the Church,
may the Spirit shield them and strengthen them for the
building of God's kingdom.**

We Pray to the Lord. Hear our prayer.

**For all world leaders,
may they respect life from conception to natural death.**

We Pray to the Lord. Hear our prayer.

**For those who are sick in mind, body and spirit;
may their spirits be lifted by God's loving care.**

We Pray to the Lord. Hear our prayer.

**For our beloved dead,
may they rejoice in eternal life with our Lord.**

We Pray to the Lord. Hear our prayer.

**For this faith community,
may we seek meaningful ways to prepare for the Lord's coming.**

We Pray to the Lord. Hear our prayer.

For our own personal intentions.

We Pray to the Lord. Hear our prayer.

PRIEST:

**Father, give us the courage to be vigilant in
hope and prayer as we await Jesus' return in glory.
We ask this through your son, Christ our Lord.**