

Diocese of Arua



Catholic Sunday Mass Readings for November 27 2022, First Sunday of Advent , Year A – Sunday Homily

1st Reading – Isaiah 2:1-5

¹ This is what Isaiah, son of Amoz, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² In days to come, the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills. All nations shall stream toward it;

³ many peoples shall come and say: "Come, let us climb the LORD's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths." For from Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴ He shall judge between the nations, and impose terms on many peoples. They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again.

⁵ O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Responsorial Psalm – Psalms 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

¹ I rejoiced because they said to me,
"We will go up to the house of the LORD."

² And now we have set foot

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within your gates, O Jerusalem.

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

³ Jerusalem, built as a city
with compact unity.

⁴ To it the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD.

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

⁴ According to the decree for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

⁵ In it are set up judgment seats,
seats for the house of David.

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
May those who love you prosper!

⁷ May peace be within your walls,
prosperity in your buildings.

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

⁸ Because of my brothers and friends
I will say, "Peace be within you!"

⁹ Because of the house of the LORD, our God,
I will pray for your good.

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

2nd Reading – Romans 13:11-14

Brothers and sisters:

¹¹ You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed;

¹² the night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light;

¹³ let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in promiscuity and lust, not in rivalry and jealousy.

¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh.

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Alleluia – CF. Psalms 85:8

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

⁸ Show us Lord, your love;
and grant us your salvation.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel – Matthew 24:37-44

³⁷ Jesus said to his disciples: “As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

³⁸ In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark.

³⁹ They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man.

⁴⁰ Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left.

⁴¹ Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left.

⁴² Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.

⁴³ Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into.

⁴⁴ So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

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The Coming of Jesus – Luke 12:39-48, Matthew 24:42-51, Mark 13:33-37

Today's Bible Quote of the Day Reflections

This Scripture offers us an invitation. It can be said that Jesus comes to us at an unexpected hour in two ways.

First, we know that He will return one day in glory to judge the living and the dead. His Second Coming is real and we should be aware of the fact that it could happen at any time. Sure, it may not happen for many years, or even for many hundreds of years, but it will happen.

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There will be one moment when the world as it is will end and the new order will be established. Ideally, we live each and every day in anticipation of that day and that moment. We must live in such a way that we are always ready for that end.

Second, we must realize that Jesus does come to us, continually, by grace. Traditionally, we speak of His two comings:

- 1) His Incarnation, and
- 2) His return in glory.

But there is a third coming we can speak of which His is coming by grace into our lives. And this coming is quite real and should be something to which we are continually attentive.

His coming by grace requires that we be continually “prepared” to meet Him. If we are not prepared, we can be certain we will miss Him. How do we prepare for this coming by grace? We prepare first and foremost by fostering a daily habit of interior prayer.

An interior habit of prayer means we are, in a sense, always praying. It means that no matter what we do each and every day, our minds and hearts are always turned toward God. It’s like breathing. We always do it and do it without even thinking about it. Prayer must become just as much of a habit as breathing. It must be central to who we are and how we live.

Reflect, today, upon your life of prayer. Know that the moments you dedicate exclusively to prayer each day are essential to your holiness and relationship with God. And know that those moments must help to build a habit of always being attentive to God. Being prepared this way will allow you to meet Christ at every moment that He comes to you by grace.

Prayer: Lord, help me to foster in my heart a life of prayer. Help me to seek You always and to always be prepared for You when You come. Jesus, I trust in You. **Amen.**



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