

The Story Begins Again

1st Sunday of Advent – December 2, 2018

Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

We open the new liturgical year with the cyclical story of the infinite longing of God to be in fidelity with us, his Holy People. It is also the story of humanity's longing to be reconciled to God through the coming of a Messiah. So the story begins again. And we tell the story, every year, so that no one forgets how important this message is or what the message has to offer all of us. The message is Jesus Christ and his offer of love, reconciliation, and eternal life for all.


Jesus says, **“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.”**

The message of what is to come is not an easy message to hear. Jesus recognizes that there are sufferings that come to every age, to every human life. **“And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.”** So there is both trepidation and hope in this week's gospel.

During the season of Advent we prepare for the birth of Jesus at Christmas. This is a spiritual preparation, in which we take time to assess our lives, re-committing ourselves to our baptismal promises. At the same time, we prepare for Jesus' Second Coming when the world that we know will end and Christ will reign.

In the midst of this great season is also a time to recall that our lives are momentary in the vast truth of eternity. Therefore, Jesus tells us this day that we must prepare for the time of our own death so that we are ready to meet the Lord at his coming. We must continue to tell the story of Jesus Christ. So....the story begins again!

Happy Advent!


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Readings for the First Week of Advent

Readings for the week of December 2, 2018

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6



Week 1

Thanks to
Barb, Dan and Nicole
Pederson
for lighting
the Advent Wreath
this week.



Find time this week to sit
quietly for a few
moments.

Find the beauty and the
grace in the silence.

Give thanks for this time to
reconnect with the
Divine!