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First Sunday of Advent, Year C

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Lectionary: 3C

Read: [Luke 21:25-28, 34-36](#)

Gospel Summary

Just a few weeks ago we heard a Gospel passage with a similar message. In the end times many unusual things will happen and people will be frightened, but the Son of Man will come with great power and glory to redeem his own. The second half of today's Gospel reading stresses the importance of being ready for Christ's coming at all times.

Reflection for Parents

Yes, it is important to be ready for the Second Coming of Christ, but it is also important to be prepared for his arrival into every moment of every day. He may come to us through a conversation, in the form of a beggar on the streets, through the words or actions of our children, or through the kindness of a stranger. Are our hearts open to receiving him? Advent affords us the opportunity to prepare our hearts and lives for Christ's coming today, at Christmas, and at the end of all time. This Advent, open your eyes, your ears, and your heart to the coming of Christ in ordinary and extraordinary ways.

Bringing the Good News Into Your Family

Take time today to make a family Advent plan. Create a family Advent calendar or Advent chain listing ways your family will spiritually and physically prepare for the celebration of Christ's coming at Christmas. Include on your calendar or chain parish Advent opportunities, such as an Advent Penance and Reconciliation service or shopping for and wrapping gifts for the parish Advent Giving Tree.

Discussion Starters

1. One way I have been lazy about my faith is . . .
2. One thing I can do to become more ready for Christ's coming at Christmas is . . .
3. One thing I am looking forward to doing with my family this Advent is . . .

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