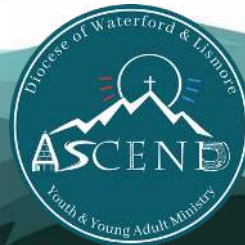




To the Heights



Year A 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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SPOTLIGHT!

CONGRATULATIONS TO FR STUART MCGOVERN, ORDAINED A PRIEST FOR OUR DIOCESE ON SUNDAY 23RD NOVEMBER!

PRAYER INTENTION!

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

WAR ZONE

WEEKLY CHALLENGE:

Reflect in prayer, and ask God to guide you on how to live this Advent differently. He knows your heart and your deepest desires. He knows too, the wounds our pasts can cause us and areas where we need to choose healing. Choose one thing this week, a small or a big step - that's up to you!

HEAR! Sunday Gospel
Matthew 24:37-44

If you don't have a Bible handy, click here to access Sunday Mass Readings!

The Prophecy of the Destruction of the Temple, James Tissot, Public domain, via Wikimedia Commons



PRAY

(If you have a candle to hand, light it and pray...) Son of God, You are the light of the world. Shine your light on all our choices this day. Create in us the ability to let your light shine forth for others. We ask this in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen. **Ave Maria Press**

TUNE!

Come to Save Us

All Sons & Daughters



COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS (SKIT GUYS ANIMATION)



GROW



FR MIKE SCHMITZ

WATCH!

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS



CHECK OUT OUR ASCEND ADVENT PLAYLIST!



GAMECHANGERS!



ST FRANCIS XAVIER
3rd December



The Catholic Church's Liturgical Calendar is crammed full of inspirational saints and heroes, or as we like to call them, Game Changers! Check them out on our web page!

"IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND A SAINT WHO DID NOT TAKE THE 'TWO P'S' SERIOUSLY: PRAYER AND PENANCE."

REFLECT

- What Old Testament story does Jesus reference in this Gospel passage?
- What point does Jesus make about people at the time of the Flood?
- Why does He caution the disciples to stay awake?
- What analogy does He use to explain the necessity of staying awake?
- Who is the Son of Man?
- Do you think he literally means never sleep? What could He mean instead?



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HIS WORD & MY LIFE!



Can you believe it's Advent already? Where did that time go? In just a few weeks Christmas will be over and we'll be into a new year. But let's not get ahead of ourselves: today is the start of the liturgical new year and we have plenty of time to prepare well for Christmas. We hear in today's Gospel about the need to stay awake: obviously we literally can't do that, we need to sleep, but what Jesus is talking about is a deeper sense of wakefulness than that. Are we awake to the presence of God in our lives. Are we awake to the real meaning of Christmas? At Christmas we celebrate "Emmanuel", God-with-us. We have to remember that our God is not a distant God, watching us slip up with a frown on His face. No, He is a loving Father who does everything possible to win our hearts and bring us to Heaven. The whole story of Salvation history (which we retell through the Jesse Tree in Advent) reminds us that God never gives up. This is why the Church gives us the season of Advent: to be prepared to celebrate Jesus' first coming in Bethlehem, and His Second Coming, at the end of the world, or just the end of our lives. Let's not waste the time we have, but use it to serve God and others, and be the best version of ourselves!

RESPOND!



Can you explain how any four of these words relate to the message of the Gospel?

What do you think God could be saying to you in this Gospel? What speaks to your heart? Maybe it raises questions, maybe it's a little uncomfortable, maybe it offers hope... what matters is that we are open to hearing God speak to us individually.



PUZZLE

ark
awake
break
burglar
drinking
expect
Flood
hour
house
householder
husbands
master
millstone
Noah
ready
Son of Man
stand
wall

FIND THE WORDS FROM THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL IN THE WORDSEARCH BELOW

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Reflect on the scripture quote and allow thoughts and images that come to you to form part of your doodle prayer: it could be people or situations that need prayer or even areas you might need to change in. Certain words or phrases might stand out for you. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your heart as you pray and doodle!



"Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."



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