



Catechesis At Home – “Watch!”

First Week of Advent – Year B

Happy New Year!

This is the first week of the new Liturgical Year and we begin the season of Advent, which means “coming”. Advent is marked the color violet and we bring out the Advent wreath at church and in our homes. In this season we await the coming of Jesus – both at His birth and at the end of time. It is a time of watchful waiting and preparation. The [readings this Sunday](#) all follow the theme of the last word of the Gospel – “Watch!”

Isaiah pleads on behalf of God’s People for Him to come and rescue them from their sinfulness. He concludes his plea with a reminder that we are clay in the hands of the Potter, an offering of ourselves to God and His Plan. *Are you willing to let God mold you into who He envisions you to be?*

The Psalm response echoes Isaiah’s plea:

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

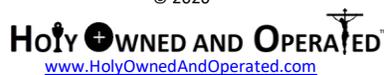
St. Paul gives thanks for our participation in God’s Plan. He prays for us as we wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is an encouraging and uplifting reminder of the promises made in our Baptism!

Jesus concludes our meditation with expressive imagery of a master returning home and the powerful “Watch!” as His final instruction this week.

Pray through these readings again and ask yourself the following:

- How can I offer myself to God in a more meaningful way, allowing Him to mold me?
- *Am I seeking the revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ? How?*
 - If you are not sure how, begin with reading Scripture.
 - Start with the Gospels. Choose one and read a few verses a day. Ask the Lord to reveal Himself and His Plan for you.
 - OR, read the Daily Readings. You can sign up on various sites to have them delivered to your inbox.
 - Beth likes this one: [Blessed Is She](#)
 - Kristofer likes to listen on the Amazon Alexa-enabled device: [Catholic Daily Mass Readings](#).
 - OR, follow the season of Advent utilizing the [Jesse Tree](#) and it’s accompanying Scriptures.
 - Develop a relationship with Jesus in daily prayer.
- What is God’s promise to me? ([1 John 2:25](#))
- What is my promise to Him? (If you are not sure, check out the [Baptismal promises](#).)

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- Am I watching for Jesus? What ways can I watch for the Advent of the Incarnation and His Second Coming?

Don't forget to check out HOO's [Advent Resources](#) page for links and downloads, including Advent Wreath blessing and prayers, Confession guide for Children (handy for adults, too), Jesse Tree printables and more!

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