

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**November 30, 2008**

**(Is 63:16-17; 64: 1,3-8/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37**

**This Sunday marks the beginning of the Advent Season. Through the period of Advent, we prepare for the coming of Christ. The Church uses the season of Advent to re-awaken the desire to hope and prepare for the coming of Christ Jesus in our lives. It brings to us the memories of joy that Christ is ever present in our lives and around us.**

**The readings of today call us to always be awake and ready for the coming of Jesus in our lives, and we can only do this by cleansing our hearts of all bad thoughts and deeds. We can also keep ourselves awake by identifying Christ in the lives of those around us.**

**The prophet Isaiah in the first reading today, reminds us again that we are like clay in the hand of God who is our potter. Just like the potter moulds and re-moulds the clay in his hands until they are fine. The same we are in the hand of God. This gives us hope that our bad situations can be changed. Our imperfections can be perfected. Our sicknesses can be healed. Those moments of fear and sadness can come to pass for we are in the hand of our Creator. With the hand of God in our lives and families, those darkneses will give way to the light from God our Creator.**

**May we always bear in mind that God holds us in the palm of His hand. Let us continue to speak to God our Father to make us whole again.**