

First Sunday of Advent

(Jeremiah 33.14-16, 1 Thessalonians 3.12-4.2, Luke 21.25-28,34-36)

THEME: Rise and Prepare Your House, For Your Lord is Coming.

This weekend is the beginning of the holy season of Advent. This is the time Christians all over the world prepare for the coming of Christ or the birthday of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This period of Advent, is a period of preparation. By looking at the streets, houses and visiting the malls, the churches and families, one notices that the preparation has already begun.

But, then there is a common message for each and every one of us. And, that, message is, as we prepare physically, may we also take time to prepare spiritually. For this preparation for Christmas is not only for shopping and decorations. It really entails more than that, for us to welcome Christ.

We need to begin this Christmas preparation by first, making our hearts ready for Christ to come in and stay with us and our families.

We need to go to confessions and reconcile ourselves with God. We also need to forgive and reconcile with one another in our families. St. Paul said in the second reading of today, "Brothers and Sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen yours hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints." (1Thes3:12-4)

So dear friends in Christ Jesus, let us be alert always by making a proper preparation for the coming of Christ, the Lord of Lords and the King of Kings, by prayer, material preparations and by loving one another.