1st Sunday of Advent

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Sunday, 29 November 2026 · Mark 13:33–37

Name _____

1 Today's Gospel

Stay Awake and Be Ready!

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells His friends a little story. A man goes away on a long journey. Before he leaves, he puts his servants in charge of his house and gives each one a job to do. He tells the gatekeeper at the door to keep **watch**.

Nobody knows when the master will come home — in the evening, at midnight, when the rooster crows, or in the morning! So Jesus says: "Be on your guard, stay **awake**!" He doesn't want the master to come and find them asleep. And Jesus says it to all of us: "Stay awake!"

Today is the first Sunday of **Advent**, the start of a new Church year. Advent is our time to get **ready** — for Christmas, when we celebrate Jesus being born, and for the day Jesus will come again. We stay awake for Jesus by praying, being kind and doing our jobs with love, so our hearts are ready to **welcome** Him!

Big idea! Advent is our time to **stay awake for Jesus** — getting our hearts **ready to welcome Him** with prayer and love!

Listen at Mass: Look for the *first purple candle* being lit on the Advent wreath! And in the second reading, St Paul says God will keep us strong while we wait for Jesus to come.

2 One Little Question

Which of these help us stay awake and ready for Jesus? Circle them!

praying · sharing · grumbling · helping at home · saying sorry

3 My Prayer

Something I want Jesus to help me with this Advent:

Dear Jesus,

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4 Draw It!

Draw yourself as the gatekeeper, watching and waiting for Jesus with your lamp shining!

Ideas: a big door · a bright lamp · stars and the moon · the Advent wreath with one candle lit

"Be on your guard, stay awake." Mark 13:33