

My Sunday Mass Page

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



1 Today's Gospel

Stay Awake! The Watchful Doorkeeper

Jesus told His disciples: “**Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come.**” Then He gave them a picture. A man goes away on a journey. He leaves his **servants** in charge of his house, each with his own task, and he tells the **doorkeeper** to stay awake.

Jesus went on: “**So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn.**” If he comes unexpectedly, he must not find them asleep. And Jesus said it to everyone: “**What I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!**”

Jesus does not mean we should never go to bed! He means keeping our hearts **awake**: doing the jobs God gives us faithfully, praying, and noticing the people around us. Today **Advent** begins, and we get ready to celebrate Christmas, when Jesus first came as a baby, and we look forward with hope to the day He will **come again** in glory.

Big idea! Advent is a time of **joyful watching**: doing our tasks with love so that, whenever Jesus comes, He finds us **awake and ready**.

Listen at Mass: In the first reading, Isaiah cries, “*Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down!*” In the second, St Paul says God will keep us steady while we wait for Jesus.

Go deeper: The Catechism says that in Advent the Church shares the long wait for the Saviour's first coming and renews our longing for His second coming (CCC 524). Read Romans 13:11–12 too.

2 Think It Through

Answer in a sentence or two.

1. What two jobs did the master give before he went away?

2. What does Jesus mean when He tells us to stay awake?

3. What is one task God has given you at home or at school?

3 My Prayer

Write a prayer asking Jesus to help you get ready for Him this Advent.

Dear Lord Jesus,

4 My Advent Plan

Draw an Advent wreath. By each candle, write one way you will stay awake for Jesus each week.

Ideas: a morning prayer · a job done unasked · a kind word · quiet time before bed

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