

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

December 1, 2019

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1–5 (1A) † Romans 13:11–14 † Matthew 24:37–44



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The readings today make a reference of two major events—the coming of Christ and the coming of time. Matthew points out that, “Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, one will be left. Therefore, stay awake!”

The readings point us in one direction with a message of peace. “Get ready; you don’t know when I will come again!” (*The Word Among Us*, Advent 2019) These readings inspire us to be vigilant, attentive, and prepared for the coming of Christ. In the midst of our busy world, our activities, and preparations as we begin the Advent Season, let us prepare for the Christmas celebration. Let us stay awake, be vigilant, and be prepared to receive with our hearts the full meaning of Christmas which is Jesus Christ.