

## THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

November 29, 2020

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 63:16b–17; 64:2–7 † 1 Corinthians 1:3–9 † Mark 13:33–37



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As Advent begins, we are called to prepare for the coming of Our Lord. His first coming was fulfilled in Bethlehem, and so we await the second coming.

By all accounts, the second coming sounds quite terrifying. There will be great tribulation and we must remain strong. Sounds like a very tall order! This speaks of the Lord coming in great power and glory. We must be prepared. How does one prepare for an event of this nature?

It's not about building bomb shelters and stocking up on survival supplies. It's about preparing your soul for redemption. In doing so, you will find that you will affect the lives of others in very positive ways.

Love gently. Speak kindly. Seek justice. Love wholeheartedly.

**BE WATCHFUL! BE PREPARED!**