

Sunday Gospel Reflection:

1st Sunday of Advent

1. Sign of the Cross

2. Gospel: Mark 13:33-37 *“And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”*



³³ Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵ Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶ or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

3. Reflection: (reflect on own or share together if with others)

1. What do you think it means to keep awake according to Jesus? What about to be asleep?
2. Why do you think this theme of keeping awake is used to begin Advent and the Church's liturgical year?
3. What are the ways that you keep yourself awake and what are some areas where more watchfulness would be helpful?

4. Share petitions that you would like to pray for: Finish with the Special Petition.

Special Petition: Let us pray for a greater attentiveness to how God is working in our lives.

5. Lord's Prayer

6. Sign of the Cross.