## **Readings: First Sunday of Advent (A)**

First Reading: Is 2:1-5
The vision of Isaiah, son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
In the last days, the mountain of Yahweh's house shall be set over the highest mountains and shall tower over the hills.  All the nations shall stream to it, saying, "Come, let us go to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and we may walk in his paths. For the Teaching comes from Zion, and from Jerusalem the word of Yahweh.
He will rule over the nations and settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not raise sword against nation; they will train for war no more. O nation of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!"
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 122:1-9
R/Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.
I rejoice because they said to me, "We will go to the house of the Lord."
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R/Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.
Jerusalem, built as a city
with compact unity. To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.
R./ Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.
According to the decree for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.  In it are set up judgment seats, seats for the house of David.
R./ Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.
Second Reading: Rom 13:11-14
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Brothers and sisters: You know what hour it is. This is the time to awake, for our salvation is now nearer than when we first believed; the night is almost over and day is at hand. Let us discard, therefore, everything that belongs to darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. As we live in the full light of day, let us behave with decency;
banquets with drunkenness, no promiscuity or licentiousness, no fighting or jealousy. Put on, rather, the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not be led by the will of the flesh nor follow its desires.
Gospel Reading: Mt 24:37-44
Jesus said to his disciples, "At the coming of the Son of Man it will be just as it was in the time of Noah. In those days before the Flood, people were eating and drinking, and marrying, until the day when Noah went into the ark. Yet they did not know what would happen until the flood came and swept them away. So will it be at the
coming of the Son of Man. Of two men in the field, one will be taken and the other left. Of two women grinding wheat together at the mill, one will be taken and the other left.
"Stay awake, then, for you do not know on what day your Lord will come. Just think about this: if the owner of the house knew that the thief would come by night around a certain hour, he would stay awake to prevent his house to be broken into. So be alert, for the Son of Man will come at the hour you least expect."