

Sunday, November 28, 2004 – **First Sunday of Advent**

This Week's Readings: [Is 2:1-5](#), [Rom 13:11-14](#), [Mt 24:37-44](#)



This week, we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent as we joyously wait for Jesus' coming at Christmas. There are so many wonderful **Advent** traditions that you can share with your family this year! This week, we light the first candle on our **Advent Wreath**, which is violet in color. The Advent Wreath, which began as a custom in the country of Germany, holds four candles. The green wreath, is a never ending circle – just like God's love for you and I! The four candles (three violet and one pink), represent Jesus' light in the world. Also, we begin to count the days until the birth of Baby Jesus on our **Advent Calendar**. During this season of Advent, let's shine our light for all to see as we grow in love for Jesus and for one another!

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- **Looking for more Advent Fun** – visit CatholicMom.com for a variety of fun family activities and projects. http://www.catholicmom.com/advent_kids.htm
- **Spread the love!** Look for chances this Advent to do something nice for other people. Advent begins our new Church year – join me in making some Catholic New Year’s Resolutions! This is a great time to focus on deepening our prayer lives, reading our Bibles, spreading the Good News about Jesus, and loving and serving the people around us.

First Sunday of Advent Word Search

Read Sunday's Gospel [Mt 24:37-44](#) and find the words

Z Z A H D X N S D L
D L A C E T R E I I
W O O M R E L L L O
N M I A A Q G P E P
E T X T P B Y I I K
A M L T E C C C Z W
E H V H R R D S K Q
Y R Z E P H Y I S Z
E W M W E H P D F N
E K A W A S U S E J

Find these words:

AWAKE, COME, DISCIPLES, JESUS, MATTHEW, NOAH, PREPARED

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Solution

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+ A C O M E H +
M + + + + + + +
D E R A P E R P

(Over,Down,Direction)

AWAKE(6,5,NW)

COME(3,6,E)

JESUS(8,1,S)

MATTHEW(1,7,NE)

NOAH(7,3,S)

PREPARED(8,8,W)