



An Invitation to Listen to God



“The Joy That Matters”

To prepare for the next Small Group meeting you are invited to engage in the following process before you meet each week:

- Ask the Holy Spirit to open your mind and heart to hear God’s Word.
- Choose a scripture passage, read it and sit quietly with the Word.
- What moves you or attracts you in this reading?
- Does anything cause resistance in you? Do you know why?
- Take a few minutes to respond in writing to the readings.

Readings for the First Sunday of Advent November 28, 2021

Reading 1: Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 25: 4-5, 8-10, 14

Reading 2: 1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

Gospel: Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

Questions

1. There are many signs today of distressful things happening in our country and in other countries? Even if these are not the end times, what should be your attitude and behavior? Have you established a personal relationship with Jesus, and prayed frequently for strength to live a holy life?
2. Reflect on a time when you prayed and waited and your prayer was answered in a different way than you expected. How did God transform your heart and mind? What did you learn from God through this process?
3. At the start of Advent, as you wait, what are some ways you can quiet the noise, prepare your heart, and focus on lifting up your soul?