

**Confirmation Mass Assignment**

December 3, 2017  
First Sunday of Advent

**Gospel: Mark 13:33-37**

**Instructions:** While attending mass listen to the gospel and then read the gospel reflection. Answer the questions. Turn in with a bulletin from the mass.

**Gospel Reflection**

The words of an Advent song remind us to “Stay awake! Be ready!” Awake in this case means to be watchful just as the gatekeepers in today’s Gospel needed to be. Such attentiveness requires a never-ending amount of patience. However, patience does not come easily in a society where fast food and instant communications are expected. Advent calls us to cultivate patience as we seek the ways of the Lord in our daily lives. Are you able to be alert to God stirring among you?

**Gospel Questions:**

1. What are some things that we can do to stay alert and ready to welcome Christ when he returns in glory?
2. How might your surroundings be distracting you from being prepared for the second coming? Are there any changes you want to make in your life this Advent to be ready for Christ at Christmas?
3. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice. How can you use this time of Advent to watchfully prepare for Christ’s coming?

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**Confirmation Mass Assignment**

December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

**Gospel: Mark 1:1-8**

**Instructions:** While attending mass listen to the gospel and then read the gospel reflection. Answer the questions. Turn in with a bulletin from the mass.

**Gospel Reflection:**

John the Baptist is a wonderful reminder of our ability and necessity to be present in the Christ story as it unfolds today. The path is still not completely clear. We are being called to proclaim the forgiveness of sins today more than ever. This ongoing preparation takes place in the gentle turning of hearts and minds of all we meet toward the love and acceptance of God. In this time of darkness, we are called to be light for one another.

**Gospel Questions:**

1. John the Baptist wanted people to “prepare the way of the Lord.” During Advent, how can you affirm John’s message in your own life. Explain
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Do you feel prepared to meet Christ if he showed up today? Why or Why not? Explain.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. How can we be a light in a world that often looks so dark?

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### **Confirmation I Mass Assignment**

December 17, 2017

Third Sunday of Advent

**Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28**

**Instructions:** While attending mass listen to the gospel and then read the gospel reflection. Answer the following questions and turn in your answers with a bulletin from the mass.

#### ***Gospel Reflection***

John clearly shows us that we are not meant to be the light ourselves, but rather reflect the light of Christ. Even as great as John was at the time and for all the followers he had, he knew that it was not he but the one he spoke of that attracted people. The realization of our unworthiness ensures our message and actions are in service to God. Coming back to this again and again will enable us to help others along the way. If you speak Christ's words, people will listen.

#### ***Gospel Questions***

1. Share a time when you clearly felt your actions and words were a reflection of Christ. Explain.
2. What were some of the ways the church service today reflected Christ's light in deed and symbol?
3. During the Advent season we are invited to pay particular attention to the signs of Jesus' presence in our world. What are some of the signs of Jesus' presence that you have experienced? What do these signs tell us about God and God's love for us?

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**Confirmation I Mass Assignment**

December 24, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Gospel: Luke 1:26-38**

***Instructions:*** While attending mass listen to the gospel and then read the gospel reflection. Answer the following questions and turn in your answers with a bulletin from the mass.

***Gospel Reflection***

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas tomorrow we recognize that the world is imperfect just as it was when Gabriel came to Mary, and Jesus came to the world. Ready or not, Christ is on his way and our level of preparation will determine just how much we are able to receive. Jesus did not wait for the darkness to disappear to arrive; he came right in the middle of it and filled it with light! May the Lord also be with you as you make your final preparations to welcome the Christ Child.

***Gospel Questions***

1. If you were Gabriel, how would you have greeted Mary? Explain.
2. What kind of message do you think your Guardian Angel has for you?
3. Write some words that are reminders of Christ's light.
4. Now read the words (or say them out loud). Pick a word and imagine if the word was actually a living and breathing person. What would they look like? How would you treat them?

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**Confirmation I Mass Assignment**

December 31, 2017

Feast of the Holy Family

**Gospel: Luke 2:22-40**

***Instructions:*** While attending mass listen to the gospel and then read the gospel reflection. Answer the following questions and turn in your answers with a bulletin from the mass.

***Gospel Reflection***

We can look to Mary and Joseph as parents who took the time to observe the practices that are part of their faith. Passing on the faith was important to the holy family. Often, parents feel too busy to take their children to Mass and teach them their prayers. But Mary and Joseph took a break from their routine to observe the practices of Judaism.

***Gospel Questions***

1. Why is your religion important to you?
2. Why do you go to Mass?
3. How do you practice your faith in your home?
4. According to Simeon, Jesus was to be light for all people. I see the light of Jesus in the world when . . .