

**Welcome to Holy Mass at Holy Cross Church
1st Sunday of Advent**

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11:00 am**

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The Liturgy of the Word

Reading I

Isaiah 2: 1-5

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace to form the kingdom of God.

This is what Isaiah, son of Amoz, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come, the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills. All nations shall stream toward it; many peoples shall come and say: "Come, let us climb the Lord's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths." For from Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and impose terms on many peoples. They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R: I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced because they said to me, "We will go up to the house of the Lord." And now we have set foot within your gates, O Jerusalem.

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Jerusalem, built as a city with compact unity. To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.

R: I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go 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: I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! May those who love you prosper! May peace be within your walls, prosperity in your buildings.

R: I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.

Because of my relatives and friends I will say: "Peace be within you!" Because of the house of the Lord, our God, I will pray for your good.

R: I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.

Reading II

Romans 13: 11-14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

The time has come, our salvation is near.

You know the time in which we are living. It is now the hour for you to wake from sleep, for our salvation is closer than when we first accepted the faith. The night is far spent; the day draws near. Let us cast off deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us live honorably as in daylight; not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual excess and lust, not in quarreling and jealousy. Rather, put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the desires of the flesh.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Gospel Alleluia

The Word of God became a man and lived among us.

He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God. [4]

Gospel

Matthew 24: 37-44

A reading of the holy gospel according to Matthew

Stay awake, you must be ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: *"The coming of the Son of Man will repeat what happened in Noah's time. In the days before the flood people were eating and drinking, marrying and being married, right up to the day Noah entered the ark. They were totally unconcerned until the flood came and destroyed them. So will it be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal; one will be taken and one will be left. Stay awake, therefore! You cannot know the day your Lord is coming.*

"Be sure of this: if the owner of the house knew when the thief was coming he would keep a watchful eye and not allow his house to be broken into. You must be prepared in the same way. The Son of Man is coming at the time you least expect."

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Thoughts from the Pulpit

[Matthew 24: 37-44]

Advent: the Liturgical Time of Making Ready for Our Lord

It is a brief season, to be lived as if each day will be our last – to live by faith! To live not in darkness, but in the Light of the Lord!

The prophet Isaiah invites us (Isaiah 2:1-5) "Come, let us climb the Lord's mountain!" He invites us to begin a journey that will bring us to "the Mountain of the Lord." All we need to do is cross over and begin our journey in faith, love, and hope. This is the journey in the light of Jesus' Gospel.

St. Paul in the 2nd Reading today also very strongly invites us: "it is the hour now for you to wake from sleep... let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light." St Paul invites us to "conduct ourselves properly as in the day."

