

## KEEPING FAITH FIRST- WORD SEARCH

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MIDNIGHT  
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SERVANTS  
SLEEPING  
TRAVELING  
WATCH  
WATCHFUL

## Catechizing Corner!

The liturgies of Advent begin in preparation for the Lord's second coming. By the third and fourth week, the focus is on the immediate preparation for the Feast of the Incarnation of Christ at Christmas. Advent prepares us to enter fully into the mystery of the incarnation. Jesus dwells among us as we remember and celebrate his historical coming and anticipate his second coming at the end of time. We are immersed in Christ's explosion into human history. The liturgy engages in a second remembering of God's salvific action in history and the role of humanity in that action. Our lives are to reflect prayerful diligence and attentiveness to the task of waiting in joyful hope.

*Mary Birmingham, Word and Worship Workbook.*

*Cycle B Paulist Press*



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## Disciple's Reflection for the Question of the Week

First Sunday of Advent

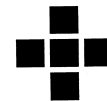
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A Call to Prayer

The Word of God  
Mark 13:33-37

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## *Call to Prayer*

Begin by calling upon God: **In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.**

Let us pause for a moment and listen attentively to this week's passage.

## *The Word of God* Mark 13:33-37

### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord

### **Gospel Glossary**

**Abroad** means far away.

A **cockcrow** means first thing in the morning when roosters crow.

of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: "Watch!"

The Gospel of the Lord



## *Faith Sharing*

Questions of the Week:

Children: Why is waiting so hard?

Teen: This week, how can I be watchful and alert for God?

Adult: How am I alert in the presence of Jesus Christ in my life?

Family: During this Advent season, as we are invited to be watchful, what am I waiting for?

## *Closing Prayer*

All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. We ask this, as we ask all things, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

*First Sunday of Advent*