

KEEPING FAITH FIRST- FAMILY FUN

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ARK	EXPECT	MASTER
AWAKE	FIELD	MILL
BROKEN	FLOOD	NOAH
DAY	GRINDING	PREPARED
DISCIPLES	HOUR	THIEF
DRINKING	JESUS	WRAPPED
EATING	MARRIAGE	
ENTERED	MARRYING	

Catechizing Corner!

Today's gospel is Matthew's rendering of the synoptic apocalypse found also in Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21. Following the pattern of Jewish apocalypses, the synoptic apocalypses relate events that happened before the Jewish revolt of about 70 A.D. It was understood that such events would signal the inauguration of the Son of Man's return, the final eschaton and the new age. Within the framework of this apocalypse, Mark inserted segments of Jesus' sayings. The sayings suggest that rather than the end coming in the form of a stylized timetable (which Matthew, Mark, and Luke suggest in the traditional apocalypse), it comes rather when one least expects it. The end will ultimately result in the judgment and subsequent separation between the saved and the unsaved. Some will be escorted to the new realm, others will be left behind. Thus, the posture is one of watchfulness. The synoptic apocalypses seem to suggest that there will be a schedule of events to watch for. The sayings of Jesus found in this pericope probably more accurately describe Christ's overall eschatological teaching, however. We do not know the day or the hour. It will come upon us all of a sudden—so we should be prepared.

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Disciple's Reflection

for the

Question of the Week

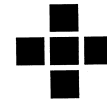
**First Sunday in Advent
 11/27/2022**

A Call to Prayer

**The Word of God
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Closing Prayer



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Holy Family is a welcoming Catholic Eucharistic community of disciples of Jesus Christ connecting faith with life and reaching out to those in need!

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 Matthew 24:37-44

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples:
"As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also 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 at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief

Gospel Glossary

Grinding at the mill means putting wheat into a machine that grinds it into flour for baking

was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

The Gospel of the Lord.



Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:

Adults: If you knew Jesus' second coming was going to occur next week, what would you change about your life today?

Teens: Are you missing out on the important things in life?

Children: How will you prepare for Jesus' coming during Advent?

Families: If Advent is a good time to reorder our priorities, how could your family do so?

Closing Prayer

Lord, You have called us to be your disciples, to live in faith, walking always in your footsteps. By your suffering, death, and resurrection, you have made us children of God. As you have loved us and asked us to love one another, help us to love and embrace everyone in our lives. Fill us with love, compassion, forgiveness, patience, understanding, and tolerance, even when we face the pain of hatred, rejection, and failure. Guide us to be good disciples. May we seek always the praise and glory of God and the good of all people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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