

November 29, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Advent begins today. We know that the word adventus, from the Latin, means "The Coming". Christ has come, is coming, and will come again to us. The Season of Advent lasts for four weeks recalling the 4,000 biblical years that humanity waited for the Savior to come. In His first Coming, the Son of God became one of us, was born in time and history at Bethlehem, and lived, suffered, died, and rose to win for us the grace of salvation. He also comes to us now through His Church and in a very real way in the Sacraments to save us individually now. He will come again in His resurrected glory in human flesh and blood to the earth to judge the living and the dead. We call this His Second Coming.

The ultimate focus of the Advent Season for mature Christians is preparation for the Second Coming of Christ. We look back to remind ourselves that the first coming of Jesus has as its ultimate goal the final salvation of mankind which will be completed in His Second Coming. It is interesting that the Mass readings this entire past year have been prophetic messages regarding the Second Coming of Christ, the Day of Judgement, and the fulfillment of the promises of the Kingdom of God. Our Advent focus remains the same: Prepare the way for Christ to come into your heart and into the world. Be ready. Are you ready or are you being overwhelmed and distracted by the chaos and focus of the world around you? Repent and confess your sins, live first for God and His will, read His word in the Bible, follow His Commandments, seek to serve and love others, and feed yourself with Christ in the Sacraments and prayer as often as possible. Be prepared!

The early Christians believed Jesus' Second Coming was imminent. They were ready. After almost 2,000 years of waiting, we might think that nothing ever changes and we are not really getting closer to the fulfillment of the prophecies of the end times. However, in this week's Gospel passage from the 1st Sunday of Advent:

*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 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!'" Mark 13:33-37*

The Lord will remember what we did for the least of our brothers and sisters when He comes again. We want to encourage everyone to be reaching out in whatever way possible to care for those around us during these days of trial, sickness, and spiritual trauma in the world. Now is the time to practice the spiritual and corporal works of mercy as we continue to beg the Lord to save our country and the world through the intercession of Mary Immaculate. We remind ourselves to be busy with these Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy: The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities. Instructing, advising, consoling, comforting are spiritual works of mercy, as are forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently. The corporal works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God: He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none and he who has food must do likewise. But give for alms those things which are within; and behold, everything is clean for you. If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit? (CCC 2447)

Obviously, we have been trying to read the "signs of the times" by looking into Biblical prophecies of the coming of the Kingdom of God and the related private revelation and prophetic messages of spiritual visionaries in our Faith during this past year of 2020. This reflection only intensifies during the season of Advent as we prepare for Christ to usher in His Kingdom of Peace in a decisive and final ultimate victory over sin and death. We have been asking ourselves if we are truly getting closer to these hoped for events. In the spirit of getting ready and being prepared, we continue to reflect on spiritual messages that seem to bring a growing sense that we are moving into a new era speeding us closer to Christ's ultimate Victory. Before this happens, the prophecies remind us that we will need to be patient through prayer and suffering, just like Jesus was, to keep ourselves from being lost. Here are a few of the latest messages from the Blessed Mother given through spiritual seers we have already introduced:

### **Gisella – Winds of War**

Our Lady to Gisella Cardia on November 17th, 2020:

Dear Children, thank you for being here and for having listened to my call in your hearts. My beloved children, open your eyes to see the darkness that has descended on this earth; winds of war are blowing ever more strongly. My dear children, I look with pain at humanity that is becoming lost — part of it is already lost. I continue to tell you to love one another; humanity has turned into human beings without the Divine Spirit: you think of everything that is tied to the earth and you never look to Heaven, which lovingly wants to save you with its signs and to protect you with My words, yet you are blind. My children, look to the Cross of Christ and love it; pray in particular for those priests who are no longer worthy to have the Body of Jesus in their hands. I have already told you that you will go back to praying in your homes. Children, pray for Italy, because soon the earth will shake. Pray for America and have no regard for the silence of these times: [1] conflicts will soon make themselves felt. Now I bless you in the name of the Father of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

[1] “For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night. When people are saying, “peace and security,” then sudden disaster comes upon them, like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.” (1 Thess 5:2-3)

### **Pedro – Value Family Prayer**

Our Lady Queen of Peace to Pedro Regis on November 17th, 2020:

Dear Children, God is Love. Only through love will humanity be healed spiritually. [1] Take care of your spiritual life. Value family prayer. I want your evangelization to occur first of all in your families. Be filled with the Merciful Love of My Jesus and testify to Him everywhere. I need you. Give me your hands and I will lead you to victory. Live out My Appeals with joy, for only in this way will you discover the Treasures of God that are within you. You are heading towards a future of great spiritual confusion and few will remain on the path of truth. The mire of false doctrines will separate many of My poor children from the way of salvation. Pray much before the cross. Seek strength in the Gospel and the Eucharist. God is making haste and awaits your return. Courage. This is the message that I give you today in the name of the Most Holy Trinity. Thank you for having allowed Me to gather you here once more. I bless you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen. Be at peace.

[1]“God loves all men and women on earth and gives them the hope of a new era, an era of peace. His love, fully revealed in the Incarnate Son, is the foundation of universal peace. When welcomed in the depths of the human heart, this love reconciles people with God and with themselves, renews human relationships and stirs that desire for brotherhood capable of banishing the temptation of violence and war.” —POPE JOHN PAUL II, Message of Pope John Paul II for the Celebration of the World Day of Peace, January 1, 2000

Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus!  
In Christ who is Coming,  
Fr. Derda, Fr. Steve, Deacon Russ & Deacon Ed