

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent Homily 2018 Entering Advent fully awake!

Flying in the airplane by the window. Advent 2018 is a part of our faith journey. Sometimes we mark its stages by major events in our lives. Life was different before this or that happened. Our faith journey has entered a new phase.

The prophet Jeremiah: The Lord our Justice

Thessalonians: Increasing love and pleasing conduct.

The Season of Advent with its spiritual catch words: one of them for us today is Vigilance.

Are our lives being steered in the right direction? Have they become stale? Are the corporal and spiritual works of mercy being practiced?

Jesus is the best fulfillment of Jeremiah's statement: The Lord is our justice

The Eucharist is a vital part of our journey of faith. It also prepares us to accompany others on their faith journey.

### The Advent Wreath

1. Shaped like a circle as a sign of God's love because it has no beginning or end.
2. Green branches represent the living Christ amongst us.
3. Each candle represents a Sunday in Advent.
4. Rose or pink candle represents the **Joy** before the birth of Jesus.