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This Sunday's Counsel

THEME:

Our salvation is at hand when we live in holiness as we prepare for Christ's coming.

PROMISE:

"For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed." (Rom 13: 11b)

WORD:

Is 2: 1-5/ Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Rom 13: 11-14/ Mt 24: 37-44



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Leaving The Dark

REFLECTION:

Are you ready for a new beginning in your life? Are you ready to move forward into the blessings God has for you? In order for you to do this, you have to be willing to let go of your old ways. The things that are behind you are not as important as

what lies ahead of you. It's time to get ready for the "new!" The letter of St. Paul to the Romans in the 2nd reading says: *"cast off the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light,"* (Rom 13:12).

Advent is the best time to look at the quality of our life – our personal life, our dealings with others, our commitment to our family and spouse, and at the great issues concerning community. How preoccupied are we with our daily lives that we hardly think about God or the future? Advent is the perfect time to renew ourselves in grace – a time to get a new, wider vision; a fresher outlook, and rise up with a new attitude. Instead of settling where you are,



pick yourself up and move forward. Instead of allowing unpleasant things that happened in the past hold you back, why not let go and take a step of faith into the new?

Start the practice of gathering the family together in prayer, revive old friendships, restore

broken connections and try to heal some family disagreement. We can fill that empty space in our hearts with Jesus, as we cling to His faithful promises. Let us not allow ourselves to be so absorbed in the noise and challenges of life that we no longer have any space for God in our lives. Just as there is no limit to the mercy that God can pour out, there is no limit to what we can do, especially this Advent. The transforming power of the Christmas mystery is found not in the changes that happen on the outside but in the transformation within us.

"Be constantly on the watch! Stay awake!" (Mt 24:42). God's word resounds in

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Tending the Flock

For Whom The Lord's Day Has Come

All who listen to the depths of the gospel and live it so completely that none of it remains veiled from them care very little about whether the end of the world will come suddenly and all at once or gradually and little by little. Instead, they bear in mind only that each individual's end or death will arrive on a day and hour unknown to him and that upon each one of us *"the day of the Lord will come like a thief"* (1 Thes 5:2). It is important therefore to be vigilant, whether in the evening (that is, in one's youth) or in the middle of the night (that is, at human life's darkest hour) or when the cock crows (at full maturity) or in the morning (when one is well advanced in old age).

When God the Word comes and brings an end to the progress of this life, he will gather up the one who gave *"no sleep to his eyes nor slumber to his eyelids"* (Ps 132:4) and kept the commandment of the One who said, *"be vigilant at all times"* (Lk 21:36). ...But I know another kind of end for the righteous person who is able to say along with the apostle, *"Far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me and I to the world"* (Gal 6:14). In a certain sense, the end of the world has already come for the person to whom the world is crucified. And to one who is dead to worldly things the day of the Lord has already arrived, for the Son of man comes to the soul of the one who no longer lives for sin or for the world.

~ Origen of Alexandria (185-254 AD)
Commentary on Matthew 56

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Last Week's Prophecies



- *My children, yes I am the King of the universe, but more importantly, make Me the King of your hearts.*
- *I endured all the torments, the tortures, the sufferings dealt to Me and I accepted them without complaining because this is the way I gave you your salvation. Claim your salvation, embrace it for I gave that to you because I LOVE YOU.*
- *The world is changing but I am the same ...your God yesterday, today, and forever. For I have loved you even before the world began. Take courage.*
- *I am your Servant forever. I will lead you to the right path of eternal life. Come follow Me.*
- *Do not curse the darkness, rather light a candle. A flicker of light is enough to overcome the darkness. Be a light to the world, my children.*



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a special way to bring us into deeper reflections on Christ, the Holy Spirit and God the Father. Be attentive to the inner promptings of the heart, the gentle pressures that move us to perform a good deed. Advent is a time to open ourselves more and more to the action of God in our lives. God is always present, trying to turn us little by little into loving persons. Let us remain spiritually awake at all times because His second coming can happen at any time. The best way to prepare for the future is to live the present moment as best we can. God is especially present whenever we reach out to others in love and whenever we

make a gesture of genuine love, only then can we experience God.

The spiritual countdown to Christmas begins when the Church calls us to a period of deep reflection and spiritual preparation for the birth of Jesus. Christmas brings to mind powerful memories, feelings and hope in all of us. It speaks of yearnings within every person for home, family, and friendship. Year after year, we look to Christmas to fulfill those desires of peace, joy, love and prosperity. As our promise this week says: *"For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed,"* (Rom 13:11b).



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God's Blessings

Birthday

Allan Pontipiedra	11/28	Raul Caragay	11/30
Marissa Orienza	11/28	Yoly Japitana	11/30
Andy Mantes	11/30		

Anniversary

Bert & Phoebe Panahaon	11/25
Lenny & Brenda Palao	11/26
Mike & Anne Belonia	11/27
Romy & Clemen Durante	11/28
Manny & Florence Acosta	11/29

Who Are You Gonna Call (or Text)?

For Mama Mary's visit - Beth Felibrico 732-995-7407
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Perseverance



Perseverance. What is perseverance? The word indicates being "very strict"; but strict in what sense? With oneself, considering oneself not up to standard? No. With others, becoming rigid and inflexible? Not this either. Jesus asks us to be "strict", uncompromising, persistent in what he has at heart, in what counts. Because, what truly counts, very often does not coincide with what attracts our interest... We often prioritize the work of our hands, our achievements, our religious and civil traditions, our sacred and social symbols. This is fine, but we accord too much priority to them. These things are important, but they pass away. Instead, Jesus says to concentrate on what remains, to avoid devoting our life to building something that will then be destroyed,... and forgetting to build what will not collapse, to build on his word, on love, on goodness.

~ Pope Francis

