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First Sunday of Advent
NOVEMBER 29, 2026 · ADVENT

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"... I say to all: 'Watch!'"

MARK 13:37

Reflection

Today a new Church year begins with the First Sunday of Advent. The stores are already full of Christmas, but the Church asks us to slow down and wait.

In the Gospel Jesus compares us to servants left in charge of a house while the master travels. Each has work to do, and the gatekeeper must keep watch, because no one knows when the master will return. Evening, midnight, cockcrow or morning, he wants to find us awake.

Saint Paul reminds the Corinthians that they lack no spiritual gift while they wait for the Lord. God has already given us what we need for the waiting: his Word, the Eucharist, and one another. Advent is the season to use those gifts well.

Watching is not worry. Isaiah prays, "Yet, Lord, you are our father; we are the clay and you our potter." To keep watch is to let God shape us: a little more prayer, a little less noise, an honest look at our hearts, a kindness to someone who waits alone. Light the first candle of the Advent wreath this week and make room for the One who comes.

> ***What is one way you will stay awake for Christ this Advent?***

ONE THING THIS WEEK

Light the first candle of an Advent wreath this week and pray together at the dinner table. Scan for Advent prayers and ideas for the season from the U.S. bishops.

Encounter This Sunday

FIRST READING	Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7	PSALM	Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
SECOND READING	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	GOSPEL	Mark 13:33-37

Jesus tells his disciples to stay awake, like servants waiting for the master of the house to come home. No one knows the hour. Listen for the one word he says to all of us.

Ask yourself: what keeps me from being ready to welcome Christ this Advent?

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Andrew, Apostle



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Learn more: franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-andrew

Source: Franciscan Media

Andrew was a fisherman from Galilee and the brother of Simon Peter. He first followed John the Baptist, and when John pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God, Andrew went after Jesus and stayed with him.

Jesus called Andrew and Peter from their nets to become fishers of men. Tradition says Andrew later preached in lands that are now Greece and Turkey and was crucified at Patras on an X-shaped cross, which still bears his name.

FEAST: NOVEMBER 30 · APOSTLE AND MARTYR · PATRON OF FISHERMEN, GREECE, RUSSIA AND SCOTLAND

FOR LITTLE ONES Andrew heard about Jesus and went to see for himself.

Children's Corner

FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

L M M W R V N E
U O F H F Z U G
W R E O C A I T
G N A U W S R Q
R I L S A E B P
L N E E T R L R
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I J M W H N U T
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M I D N I G H T
P V G A F D N D

FIND: WATCH · ALERT · HOUSE · MIDNIGHT · SERVANTS · MORNING

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Community & News

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEATURED

Becoming Catholic (OCIA)

Curious about the faith? OCIA offers a place to ask questions and explore without commitment. Visit our website to start an inquiry.

Church Mission Congress

Diocese of Yakima online planning follow-up, Wednesday, December 2, 6:00 to 8:30 PM, on Zoom. For parish leaders, catechists, youth ministers, youth and all interested. Register by November 30.

Scan to register

Catholic Charities Christmas Collection

As is our custom, all money collected on Christmas Eve, December 24, and Christmas Day, December 25, goes directly to Catholic Charities Serving Central Washington for its many social services across the Diocese. To support your parish during this time, send your gift to the parish office or place it in the collection before or after December 24 and 25.

No Faith Formation Classes

There are no Faith Formation classes on November 29 (Thanksgiving weekend) or on December 20 and 27 (Christmas break). Use these Sundays at home to read the Sunday Gospel together as a family.

Free Catholic Streaming (FORMED)

FORMED offers movies, studies, and children's programs free to parishioners of both churches. Sign up at formed.org/signup with zip 98922 and choose St. John the Baptist.

NEWS

POPE

Pope Leo shares lunch with 1,300 guests

On the World Day of the Poor, Pope Leo XIV shared lunch with about 1,300 people living in poverty in the Paul VI Hall, served by Red Cross volunteers. “Today, we are all one family,” he told them.

Source: Vatican News · vaticannews.va

POPE

Pope prays for peace and for young people

After the Angelus on Christ the King, Pope Leo prayed for victims of conflicts around the world and for people suffering drought in Papua New Guinea. He encouraged young people preparing for World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul.

Source: Vatican News · vaticannews.va

FINANCES

OFFERTORY COLLECTION · NOV 22 — ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST **$1,744** — IMMACULATE CONCEPTION **$1,445**

DESIGNATED GIFTS — **Donation to Current Upgrades (New Doors & ADA Ramp)** IC $500

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2025-26 · AS OF OCT 31

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Goal **$20,653** · Pledged **$22,817**

Paid to date **$22,817** · Potential Rebate **$2,164**

2026-27 Goal **$19,191**

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Goal **$17,227** · Pledged **$20,869**

Paid to date **$20,854** · Potential Rebate **$3,642**

2026-27 Goal **$18,362**

Final 2025-26 figures from the Diocese's October reports, with expected rebates.

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CALENDAR AND MASS INTENTIONS

Sun 8:00 AM	Immaculate Conception
	INTENTION Leonard Rushton
Sun 10:00 AM	St. John the Baptist
Tue 8:00 AM	St. John the Baptist
Wed 6:00 PM	Immaculate Conception
Thu 8:00 AM	St. John the Baptist
Fri 8:00 AM	Immaculate Conception
Sat 5:00 PM	Vigil · St. John the Baptist

RECONCILIATION & ADORATION

Confessions

Sat 3:30–4:30 PM · SJB, or by appointment

Adoration

First Fridays, following the 8:00 AM Mass

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