



Daily Reflections

December 2, 2018

Scripture

Luke 21: 25-26, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples:

“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars,
and on earth nations will be in dismay,
perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves.

People will die of fright

in anticipation of what is coming upon the world,
for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

And then they will see the Son of Man
coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

But when these signs begin to happen,
stand erect and raise your heads
because your redemption is at hand.

“Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy
from carousing and drunkenness
and the anxieties of daily life,
and that day catch you by surprise like a trap.

For that day will assault everyone
who lives on the face of the earth.

Be vigilant at all times

and pray that you have the strength
to escape the tribulations that are imminent
and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Our Scripture Reflection

Today we begin the Holy season of Advent. Our scripture readings on this first Sunday always focus on the final coming of Our Lord at the end of time, one of the dogmas of our faith. But aren't we supposed to be preparing for His birth??? Is there a connection between a focus on His final coming and His first coming? YES....The focus is, was and must always be JESUS, JESUS, JESUS! May God fill these special Advent days with Grace.

Food for your Journey

Advent Candles:

Four purple candles in a green ring.

A message from God to you they bring.

The first candle tells of true shalom.

May grace and peace be upon your home.

The second candle is the flame of hope.

God empowers us and helps us cope.

A sign of joy is the third.

Angels make glad tidings heard.

The fourth candle is the light of love.

Agape streams in abundance from above.

Four purple candles burn in a ring -

Peace, hope, joy, love, to you they bring.

--Elinor S. Mosser, "Advent Candles," in Ecunet [database online],

[cited 7 November 1994],

meeting name: Advent Resources, filename: A000001E.MSG.

A Prayer from the Heart

Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel and fill my heart, my home and my family with Your Holy Grace. May I remove all that has me focused on anything other than You. Amen