

**Our Gospel Value this
week is
LOVE**

**Our Virtue this week is
FAITH**



**We gather together to love,
value and respect each
other within our Catholic
family, to nurture each
individual's talents and skills
as Jesus taught us.**

**Peace be with you
and with your Spirit**

Jesus Christ light of the world
... **shine brightly in our lives**



Jesus Christ God's living
Word
... **speak to us your truth**



Jesus Christ God's love
revealed
... **dwell among us**



Our lit candle reminds us that
we are in God's presence as
we mark ourselves with the
sign of the cross

**In the name of the Father,
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit
Amen**

We Say Sorry

You call us to follow you
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You ask us to love one another
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You open your arms to all of us
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Yesterday was the first Sunday of Advent.

Advent is a special time when we get ready for the coming of Jesus. It is very exciting when we know that someone is coming to visit us. We make sure that we are ready when they come.

Today we are going to think about what it means to be welcoming, and how we get ready to welcome Jesus.

Loving God, you sent
your Son Jesus into the
world to show us how to
live. Help us to be ready
when he comes. Help us
to make all visitors feel
welcome and cared for.

Amen.

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

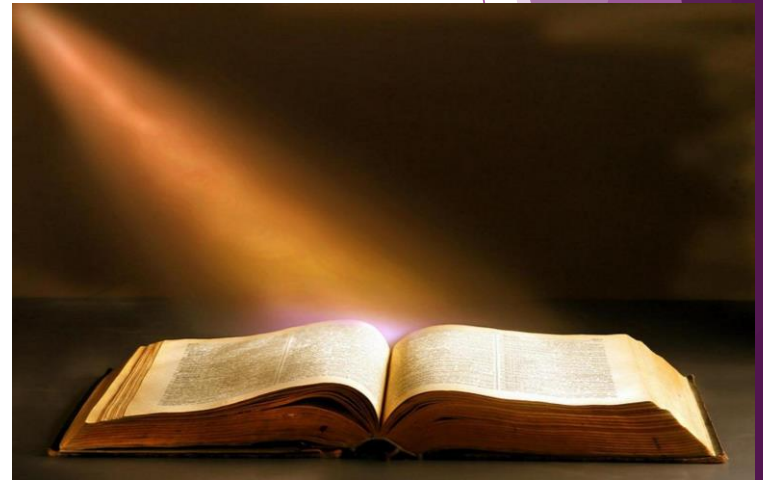
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

We listen to the word

Gospel according to Matthew 24:37-44

May the words of Jesus be
On my mind
On my lips and
In my heart

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



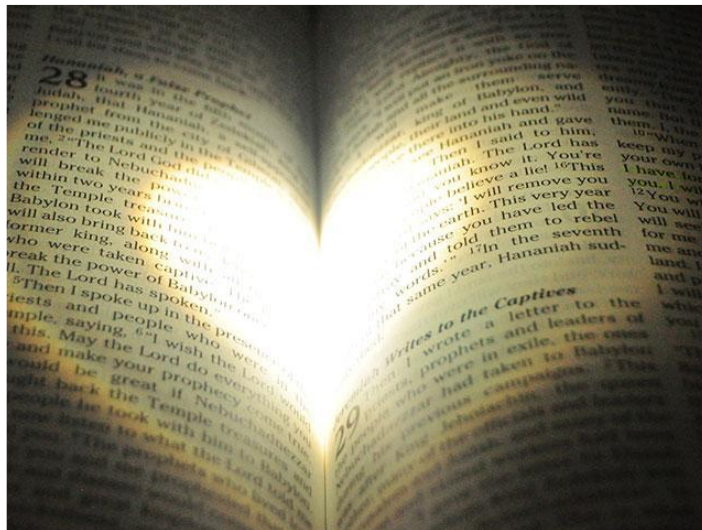
Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

We are still and silent as
we reflect on God's
word for us in the Gospel.



The gospel story is telling us that we must be ready when Jesus comes again, but that we cannot be exactly sure when that will be, so we must try to be ready all the time.



Stay Awake

Matthew 24:37–44

Jesus tells us we may be very surprised when he comes.

Lots of surprises are very good. Birthday or special treats make us feel happy.

When You Don't Expect Him
- Matthew 24:42-44 NLT -



Sometimes people surprise us by coming to visit us at home when we are not expecting them. Or we might go to visit members of our family or our friends.

When You Don't Expect Him
- Matthew 24:42-44 NLT -



How does it feel to go
somewhere for the first
time?

What would you like others
to do to make you feel
welcome if you were going
somewhere new?



And how can we make
other people feel
welcome?

How can we welcome
them in our homes? In
our school?



Jesus asks to be ready
when he comes again.
How do you think we
can get ready to
welcome Jesus in our
lives?



Always be ready!

You don't know
when the
Son of Man
will come.

Matthew 24:44 (CEV)

Is it just about buying
presents and putting up
Christmas trees?

Are there other things we
need to do?



Mark 12, 28-34

In silence, pray for each other - that God will be with all of us.



God asks us to be ready so that we can welcome Jesus when he comes. Together we ask for God's help...

We pray for all people
around the world who are
alone or frightened or have
had to leave their homes
because of fighting: that they
may be welcomed by others
and may see their families
again.

Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer

We pray for people who are travelling to visit others or who have a long or difficult journey ahead: that they may arrive safely and may receive a warm welcome.

Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer

We pray for our school,
parish, families and friends:
that we may always be
welcoming to others and
that we may share what we
have with those who are in
need.

Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer

We take a
moment now to
pray for our own
intentions

We ask Our Lady
to intercede on
our behalf as we
say together...



HAIL, MARY,
FULL OF GRACE,
THE LORD IS WITH THEE;
BLESSED ART THOU
AMONG WOMEN,
AND BLESSED IS THE FRUIT
OF THY WOMB JESUS.
HOLY MARY,
MOTHER OF GOD,
PRAY FOR US SINNERS,
NOW AND AT THE
HOUR OF OUR DEATH.
AMEN.

Generous God, we give thanks for all those people who have visited us, or whom we have visited. Help us always to welcome the people we meet in life, no matter who they are or where they come from.

Amen

St Anthony
Pray for us

St Mark
Pray for us

St Francis
Pray for us

St Alban
Pray for us

How will
you follow
Jesus this
week?

What will you do this week to make sure you are ready when Jesus comes?

- ▶ share with others
- ▶ be kind
- ▶ help other people
- ▶ During our Day of Faith, use the time to prepare...

Jesus, I offer my day to you
Jesus, I offer my day to you
Jesus, I offer my day to you

Let us go in
peace

Thanks be to God

Our Gospel Value this week is **LOVE**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xy9jRA3K2SI>

Our Virtue this week is **FAITH**

