

## This Week's Readings

### First Reading: Isaiah 2: 1-5.

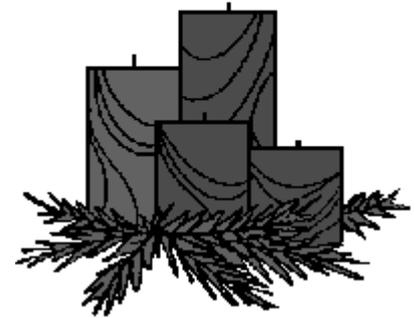
Isaiah announces a universal Kingdom of peace.

### Second Reading: Romans 13: 11-14.

Paul urges us to lead a holy life, since the day of salvation announced by Isaiah is near.

### Gospel: Matthew 24: 37-44.

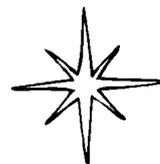
We must be on the alert because Christ may come at any time.



## Points for Reflection

1. **Isaiah (First Reading) announced that one day God would intervene in history in order to set up a universal Kingdom of peace.** All nations would accept and abide by the law of God and the result would be general disarmament, followed by an everlasting peace.
2. **Paul (Second Reading) saw in Christ's life, death and resurrection, the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy.** That is why he exhorts the Christians of Rome, and us, too, to wake up from sleep. For the night of sin, the night of waiting, is almost over, and the day of salvation is dawning. We must get up from the sleep of sin and laziness and lead a life worthy of Christ.
3. However, **the full manifestation of God's Kingdom of peace is still to come. Today's Gospel reminds us that we do not know when this is going to happen.** But one thing is sure: **we must always be on the alert,** because it is already five minutes to twelve. We cannot afford to go on sleeping. We must wake up and work for the full manifestation of God's Kingdom through a holy and committed life. And this we must do today, because tomorrow it may be too late.

The Advent Season is meant to remind us of all this.



And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David;) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

Luke 2:4-5

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