

Today we begin the Season of Advent. All 3 readings speak about being vigilant. This is expressed in various ways such as: Stay awake! Be alert! Be ready! Why this emphasis? Because the Lord is coming. In fact, the Lord is here. Are we attentive to His presence? Are we tuned in?

The Readings tell us that the Lord is coming.

The Lord visits us each moment of the day. The Lord comes to us in our pain and pleasure; in light and darkness; in beauty and barrenness.

The Lord is present when we play and work; in our good deeds and in our sinning; in times of peace and conflict.

The Lord is near us in our laughter and tears; in our experiences of harmony and dissension; in good health and in sickness; and, at the moment of death.

My sisters and brothers: Stay awake! Be alert! Be ready! The Lord is coming. Will we welcome His presence in the many moments of our day?