

**1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**WAKE UP & GET READY**  
**Christ is Coming!**

**BE ALERT**



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God of new beginnings, you call us at the start of this Advent Season to BE ALERT. As we begin this new liturgical year and the first week of Advent, help us to be aware of all that is happening around us. Teach us to wake up from indifference and make us ready to see all your works around us.

AMEN.

Advent has come again and already our minds are on Christmas and the countless social engagements we are invited to attend. Jesus in his wisdom invites us to not be trapped by the circumstantial matters of what is going on around us. Many things in life are tangible, but God is always present. Do we see God present in our day to day life? This is a question many struggle with from time to time. God can quickly take a back seat in our day which is why we need to be "alert" and "pray." Easier said than done when life is busy enough with school, work and a social life. However, God invites us not to stop living our lives, but to put him in our daily activities and give him time in the day.

Reflection ~ during this Advent season, how might I invite God into my life more?

What keeps me blinded from seeing God present in the world? Take time this week to BE ALERT to God at work in your life and the world.

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