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**“Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the time will come.”**



In this Sunday's Gospel (**Matthew 13:33-37**), Jesus reminds his disciples to be watchful and ready for what is to come – in the same way, you and I are called to live our lives fully but with an eye towards His second coming in glory.

Today, we celebrate the **First Sunday of Advent** as we joyfully await Jesus' coming at Christmas. There are so many wonderful Advent traditions to share with your family. This week, we light the first candle on our Advent Wreath. The

Advent Wreath, which began as a custom in the country of Germany, holds four candles. The green wreath is a never-ending circle – just like God's love for us! The four candles (three violet and one rose) represent Jesus' light in the world. Also, we begin to count the days until the birth of Baby Jesus on our Advent Calendar. During this season of Advent, let's shine our light for all to see as we grow in love for Jesus and for one another!

For More Fun:

- ✓ Take time each night this week to pray as a family around your Advent wreath. Discuss ways your family can be more prayerful and service oriented in your preparations for Christmas this year.
- ✓ This week, we celebrate the life of St. Andrew (11/30). Learn more about the lives of the saints at www.Saints.SQPN.com.
- ✓ Support our ministry this week by purchasing Lisa Hendey's new book: **A Book of Saints for Catholic Moms** at Amazon, Barnes & Noble or your local Catholic bookstore. Thank you for your support!
- ✓ We love to hear from you! . Email me at lisa@catholicmom.com to let me know where you live and where you go to Church!

“Lord, make us turn to you.”