

Reflections on 1st Sunday of Advent Year 24C.

Mass: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm: 24; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28,34-36.

Advent begins and you might think that the Christmas story should be told. Instead, we have the doom and gloom that we ended the last year with! Really the liturgy flows like a rhythm not pieces bolted on. It is not primarily a cycle but a spiral leading us upwards. Today doesn't point toward Christmas but towards where Christ is leading us through the Paschal Mystery. It is our journey, through faith, that leads us through the amazing Mystery of Christ's life, death and resurrection. Today brings us vision, the kind that renews our determination to reach our destination. As we gaze on the determination of migrants crossing the Channel, we should be challenged by them to see our journey as life giving just as they do. Perhaps we need that same faith in the future to move us forward. Pray for it!