Dear Parish Family,

As we begin the holy season of Advent, the Church invites us to prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Advent is a season of hope, joyful expectation, and spiritual renewal. It reminds us that God is faithful to His promises and that, even amid the uncertainties and challenges of life, we have every reason to look toward the future with confidence, because the Lord is coming to meet us.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus gives us a very powerful instruction: "Be watchful! Be alert!" (Mark 13:33). These words set the tone for the entire season of Advent. We are called not to live distracted by the many things that occupy our daily lives, but to remain attentive to God's presence and recognize the many ways He comes to meet us. He comes to us in His Word, in the Eucharist, in the people around us, and especially in those who need our love, compassion, and attention.

Advent is also an invitation to slow down, make room for silence and prayer, and rediscover what truly matters. As we prepare our homes for Christmas, let us not forget to prepare our hearts. Let us make this season an opportunity to strengthen our relationship with God, reconcile with one another, and renew our commitment to live as faithful disciples of Christ.

May the Lord find us awake, faithful, and ready to welcome Him!

Wishing you and your families a blessed and fruitful Advent season,

Fr. Rolando