

LET US WALK IN THE LIGHT OF THE LORD

With this celebration of the first Sunday of Advent, we begin a new liturgical year, that is, a new cycle in the celebrations of our faith.

The word Advent comes from the Latin Adventus, which means “coming.” We the faithful Catholic Christians, prepare ourselves through the joyful waiting of this season for the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Christmas season-----

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If we reflect clearly, our whole life is a constant waiting: finishing a degree, reaching retirement, starting a business, getting married, etc. And this constant waiting is the result of recognizing that we don't have everything, that we lack something.

Thus, in the season of Advent, we await the arrival of our Savior Jesus Christ, who, with his presence, fulfills each of the promises of the ancient prophets.

But what characteristics should this waiting have during the season of Advent?

1. ACTIVE WAITING: The Christian life is an invitation to remain active in prayer and committed to charity toward our fellow human beings. Therefore, the prophet Isaiah reminds us to walk in the light of the Lord. Walking indicates constant movement, advancing to contemplate what is hoped for.

2. PATIENT WAITING: During these four weeks, we must not despair, but rather embrace this time to the fullest, like one who awaits the best gift.

3. ATTENTIVE WAITING: That is, not being distracted. We live in times of constant distraction. We focus our attention on situations that are not important, countless commitments, trying to take advantage of commercial offers, etc., which can distract us from what is truly important.

Remembering what the Apostle Paul tells us in his letter to the Romans, our salvation is closer than ever.

It is also important to remember that, while it is true; During this time we remember the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ, His birth in the flesh; we also prepare for His second coming, His glorious return.

Therefore, Jesus reminds us through Saint Matthew of the importance of being prepared and watchful, because we do not know when this second coming will be.

Let us ask the Virgin Mary to grant us the grace to share joyfully in this sweet anticipation, and, accepting this invitation, let us actively prepare for the arrival of our Savior. Amen.