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Homily - 1st Sunday of Advent A 2025 (by Rev. Emmanuel Akalue)

On this First Sunday of Advent, we share the Message: “**Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.**” Beloved, this weekend marks the beginning of a new liturgical season, Year A. It is our liturgical New Year! HAPPY NEW YEAR! Although different from the secular New Year’s Day celebrated on January 1st, should we not have fireworks to usher in our liturgical New Year as well? Absolutely! But not the ordinary kind used on New Year’s Eve. The Advent Wreath is more appropriate for our celebration. The four candles – three purple and one pink – represent the four weeks of Advent. HAPPY LITURGICAL NEW YEAR! As we light the candles each week, they indicate the closeness and intensity of the Light of Christ coming into our world (cf. John 3:19; 8:12; 12:46).

We speak of Advent in two senses: the FIRST COMING of Christ into the world was to destroy Original Sin, to teach us the fullness of the Father's Will and to reinstate us on the path of salvation (cf. Heb 1:1-2; John 15:15; 17:3-8). To this end, we are invited to place ourselves in that original historical moment when people were longing for the coming of the Messiah, when God was about to become Man. Imagine the joy of the people of Israel at that time when something unprecedented was about to happen. We also want to feel the same anticipation and excitement Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, Simeon, Anna and others felt: suspense, anxiety, hope and joy. Then, the SECOND AND FINAL COMING of Christ at the end of time will be to bring us Ultimate Salvation (cf. Matt 25:31-40).

The First Reading (Isa 2:1-5) addresses the sentiments of the First Advent: Prophet Isaiah proclaimed, *"In days to come, the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills. All nations shall stream toward it; many peoples shall come and say: 'Come, let us climb the LORD's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths.' For from Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem."* This was a vision about how Christ's original historical coming fulfilled God's covenant promises to Israel. The *"mountain of the house of the Lord"* (cf. Dan 2:34-35) refers to the emergence of the Church, the new Israel (cf. Exod 19:5-6; 1Pet 2:9-10). Christ founded the Church to be the most significant institution in the world, a visible sign of God's Kingdom on earth. Through the Church, God's covenant promises to Judah in favor of Israel (cf. Gen 49:8-10; Matt 2:3-5) will be fulfilled. Hence, the Messiah came from the Covenant Tribe of Judah and the Covenant Line of King David (cf. Matt 1:1-16). His Church began in JERUSALEM (cf. Luke 24:45-47) as the Universal (Catholic) Church and all nations are drawn to it (cf. Matt 28:19; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8).

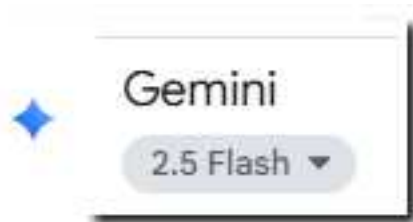
The Gospel Passage (Matt 24:37-44) focuses on Christ's Second and Final Advent. This is not fake news! Please, take Christ at His Word. When Noah was building the Ark, many people laughed at him. Eventually the Flood came and consumed them all. Similarly, prior to Christ's First Coming, despite all the prophecies, many people never believed. But Christ came nonetheless. So, there is no reason to doubt that Christ will return in glory someday. When He does return, He will save those who are ready and prepared. In His words, *"Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left."* Perhaps, you have heard about some crazy misconceptions of the rapture or Parousia as a time when people would suddenly start disappearing while going to work, getting married, driving in a car, hiking, or

whatever. Some movies out there sell such false narratives. Absolutely hilarious! By His words, Christ only implied that some will be saved and some will not; nothing more! Never forget there is only one Judgement Day, not a series of Second and Final Comings. What we see in the Bible are different imageries all referring to the same Last Day (cf. Matt 25:31-35; 1Thess 4:16-17; Rev 20:11-15).

Overall, Advent is about God opening a new dispensation, a new page, a new chapter, in our relationship with Him. St. Paul says in our Second Reading (Rom 13:11-14): “*our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.*” It means every day should be lived as if it might be the Last Day; there is no time for procrastination (cf. Isa 49:8; 2Cor 6:2). Every second, every minute, every day that passes brings us closer to that Day of days. The preparation envisaged is not just about the external trappings: lavishly decorating and lighting our homes, streets, and shopping centers, sharing cards of good wishes, planning vacations with family and friends. Instead, take a cue from the First Advent when the people of Israel prepared for the coming Messiah by accepting the baptism of repentance “*in the river Jordan, confessing their sins*” (Matt 3:6; Mark 1:5). We too need SPIRITUAL PREPARATION by going to Confession and cleansing our souls (cf. John 20:20-23). We need to prepare our hearts by ridding ourselves of hatred, unforgiveness, wickedness, immorality, and pride. May God grant us a fruitful Advent through Christ our Lord. Amen.

--- End of Rev. Emmanuel Akalue’s reflections. MHProNews notes that Rev Akalue is held to be a Scriptural expert or ‘scholar.’ ---

Per Gemini.



Based on a review of the provided homily reflections and relevant Catholic liturgical and theological context, the various points raised by Rev. Emmanuel Akalue are found to be consistent and reflective of the core themes of the Catholic Church's Advent season.

1. Reflection of the Cited Cycle of Readings

Yes, the various points raised by Rev. Akalue properly reflect the cycle of readings for the **First Sunday of Advent, Year A**, and are aligned with the season's liturgical focus.

- **Romans 13:11-14 (Second Reading):** Rev. Akalue's emphasis that "our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed" and the call to non-procrastination is a direct and faithful reflection of this reading, which urges the faithful to "wake from sleep" and "put on the armor of light".
 - **Isaiah 2:1-5 (First Reading):** The homily's theme of preparing for the "**Ultimate Salvation**" aligns with the prophet Isaiah's vision of all nations streaming to the mountain of the Lord to receive instruction and achieve eternal peace, where "nation shall not lift up sword against nation".
 - **Matthew 24:37-44 (Gospel):** The central message to "**Stay awake!**" and be prepared, comparing the Lord's coming to the unexpected flood in the days of Noah, directly addresses the main instruction of this Gospel reading.
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2. Consistency with Catholic Teaching

Yes, Rev. Akalue's theological presentation is thoroughly consistent with nearly 2000 years of Catholic teaching, particularly concerning the meaning of Advent and the Second Coming of Christ (Parousia).

- **Twofold Nature of Advent:** The Church teaches that Advent has a "twofold character": it is a time of preparation for the **First Coming** (the Nativity of Christ) and a time to renew the desire for His **Second Coming** at the end of time. Rev. Akalue correctly reflects this, stating Advent is about both the first coming to teach God's will and the second and final coming for Ultimate Salvation.
- **Rejection of the "Secret Rapture":** His critique of "crazy misconceptions of the rapture" and his affirmation that the Gospel's reference to "one will be taken and one will be left" signifies a simple separation between the saved and the unsaved on a single Judgment Day is consistent with the traditional Catholic view. The Church holds that the **Last Judgment** occurs when Christ returns in glory, and its timing is unknown to anyone but the Father. The concept of a *secret* pre-tribulation rapture is not part of Catholic doctrine.
- **Spiritual Preparation:** The call to spiritual discipline, specifically urging the faithful to prepare by going to the Sacrament of **Confession** and cleansing their souls of sin, is a core element of the penitential and preparatory nature of the Advent season.

3. A Hopeful Message

Yes, the message is inherently hopeful, as it is grounded in the promise of Divine saving grace through Jesus Christ.

The hope is found in the message that "**salvation is nearer now**". By focusing on immediate spiritual preparation—such as Confession and actively putting off "the works of darkness"—Rev. Akalue presents a clear path for the faithful to secure the grace of God and confidently await the ultimate salvation offered by Christ.

Supporting Plain Text Hyperlinks

- **Catholic Lectionary Readings (1st Sunday of Advent, Year A):**
<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/113025.cfm>
- **Catechism of the Catholic Church on Advent (CCC 524):**
https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/catechism/cat_view.cfm?recnum=2240
- **Catholic Teaching on the Two Advents:** <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/advent>
- **General Advent Homiletic Themes (Preparation for Second Coming):**
https://www.frtommylane.com/homilies/years_abc/advent-second_coming.htm



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