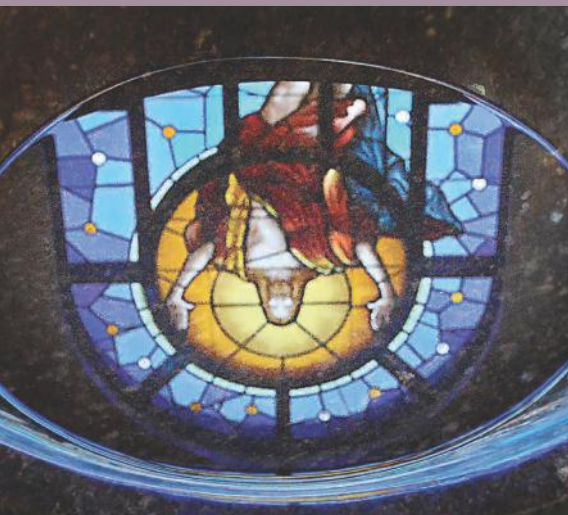


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**At Home with Faith**

**Advent is a time to be awake, waiting with hope for Jesus.**

Take time to reflect upon the promise of Jesus' return and truly celebrate this beautiful season.



During this first week of Advent, Archbishop Etienne is asking all of us to take time to reflect. In the same way that St. Paul told the Romans that now is the time to awake from sleep, it's a good idea for us to be awake to the spiritual realities of our time.

As Bishop Schuster tells us in his reflection, violet, the liturgical color of Advent, reminds us of the night sky just before the dawn. We wait and hope for Jesus' return just as ancient people waited for the dawn. Let's use this time of Advent to reflect upon the ultimate gift of Jesus.

## Read

Take time to read and reflect on the Scriptures for this day.

**Don't have access to a Bible?**

Visit [www.usccb.org/bible/readings](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings) or download an app such as *Laudate* or *iBreviary* to access the Mass readings.

**Isaiah 2:1-5**

Come, let us climb the the Lord's mountain.

**Psalms 122**

Let us go to the house of the Lord.

**Romans 13:11-14**

Now is the time to awake from sleep.

**Matthew 24:37-44**

Be prepared for Jesus' return.

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## Talk

Here are some reflection questions to help you have **Great Conversations** with the whole family.

**Take a moment to watch Bishop Schuster's video reflection with your children. Ask them:**

- What did you think about what Bishop Schuster's sharing of the reason for violet being the color of Advent? That it's the color of the night sky just before the dawn.
- Does it surprise you that we are waiting for Jesus to return again? What does it feel like to think that he is coming back?
- Where do you think a good place to wait for Jesus would be? This can be a very good reminder to pray and celebrate Mass while waiting for Jesus' return.

Find more Advent prayer resources at <https://archseattle.org/Advent/>

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**Watch this week's Advent reflection by Bishop Schuster:**

**Bishop Schuster's Video Reflection on "Reflection"**  
<https://archseattle.org/Advent/>

Check out Bishop Schuster's weekly reflection on "Reflection" and other resources on Archdiocese of Seattle's Advent the Ultimate Gift webpage.

**For more resources, visit us online at:**

<https://www.athomewithfaith.org>