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VOLUME 4 · ISSUE 43 SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2026 MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

SAINT OF THE DAY

November 29: First Sunday of Advent. The Church's new year begins today. From the Roman Martyrology:

St. Saturninus, the first bishop of Toulouse in Gaul, was sent from Rome around the year 250. Pagan priests blamed him for silencing their oracles, and a mob tied him to a bull, which dragged him to his death down the steps of the Capitol of Toulouse. The great Romanesque basilica of Saint-Sernin now keeps his relics.



The martyrdom of St. Saturninus, from Jean de Vignay's French Golden Legend (1348)

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

—Jesus, Mark 13:37 (today's Gospel)

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Q: Which Toulouse church is traditionally said to stand where St. Saturninus was first buried?

A: Notre-Dame du Taur, "Our Lady of the Bull."

ADVENT ASPIRATIONS

Come, Lord Jesus, fill our souls with your grace.
Come, Lord Jesus, fill our hearts with your love.
Come, Lord Jesus, fill our minds with your light.
Come, Lord Jesus, fill our limbs with your strength.
Come, Lord Jesus, fill our world with your peace.

(Mothers for Priests brochure Advent Aspirations)

For those who did not provide for the life hereafter, my Jesus mercy!

Recommended Prayer Brochure: Advent Aspirations



Sunday Gospel Word Find Puzzle

(Mark 13:33-37, November 29, 2026)

Find the all-capitalized words in bold print.

C	S	C	O	R	D	E	R	S	G	T	H	O	M	E
O	U	H	A	L	E	R	T	A	B	R	O	A	D	V
C	D	A	H	O	U	S	E	R	V	A	N	T	S	E
K	D	R	B	C	O	M	I	N	G	V	S	I	W	N
C	E	G	A	T	E	K	E	E	P	E	R	M	O	I
R	N	E	W	A	T	C	H	F	U	L	D	E	R	N
O	L	O	R	D	B	M	O	R	N	I	N	G	K	G
W	Y	M	F	N	Y	J	M	I	D	N	I	G	H	T
M	K	O	S	L	E	E	P	I	N	G	N	U	I	H

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Be **WATCHFUL!** Be **ALERT!**

You do not know when the **TIME** will come.

It is like a man **TRAVELING ABROAD.**

He leaves **HOME** and places his **SERVANTS**
in **CHARGE,**

each with his own **WORK,**

and **ORDERS** the **GATEKEEPER** to be on
the watch.

Watch, therefore;

you do not know when the **LORD** of the
HOUSE is **COMING,**

whether in the **EVENING,** or at

MIDNIGHT,

or at **COCKCROW,** or in the **MORNING.**

May he not come **SUDDENLY** and find you
SLEEPING.

What I say to you, I say to all: ‘Watch!’”

Gospel text: Lectionary for Mass (USCCB), First Sunday of Advent.

FROM THE CATECHISM

102. How did God prepare the world for the mystery of Christ?

God prepared for the coming of his Son over the centuries. He awakened in the hearts of the pagans a dim expectation of this coming and he prepared for it specifically through the Old Testament, culminating with John the Baptist who was the last and greatest of the prophets. We relive this long period of expectancy in the annual liturgical celebration of the season of Advent.

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Q. 102