

## Bukas Loob sa Diyos Covenant Community

### WORD, THEMES, & PROMISES For December 2011

#### READINGS

- **Nov 27** Is 63:16-17,19;64:2-7/ Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19/ 1Cor 1:3-9/ Mk 13:33-37
- **Dec 4** Is 40:1-5,9-11/ Ps 85:9-10,11-14/ 3Pt 3:8-14/ Mk 1:1-8
- **Dec 11** Is 61:1-2,10-11/ Lk 1:46-48,49-50,53-54/ 1Thes 5:16-24/ Jn 1:6-8,19-28
- **Dec 18** 2 Sm 7:1-5,8-12,14,16/ Ps 89:2-5,27,29/ Rm 16:25-27/ Lk 1:26-38
- **Dec 25** Is 52:7-10/ Ps 98: 1,2-6/ Heb 1:1-6/ Jn 1:1-18

#### WORD

**Disciples of Christ prepare for the coming of the Lord with vigilance.**

#### ORDER

***“Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.”*** (Mk 13:33)

#### PROPHECIES

1. Be steadfast in your covenant with me; I will bring the work of your hands to completion and welcome you to my heavenly Kingdom.
2. Be not afraid to tell anyone that my forgiving love and mercies are always available.

#### DIRECTION

1. Rejoice in the Lord, share your blessings with others; advent is the time of repentance with confession, prayer and fasting.
2. Remain vigilant through a sustained prayer life, regular reception of the sacraments and corporal works of mercy.

#### THEMES AND PROMISES

##### **Week#1 (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent)**

**Theme:** We prepare for the coming of the Lord when we are steadfast in service to Him,

**Promise:** ***“He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ”*** (1 Cor 1: 8)

**Week#2 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent)**

**Theme:** We prepare for the coming of the Lord when we repent of our sins.

**Promise:** *“Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land.”* (Ps 85:10)

**Week #3 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent)**

**Theme:** We prepare for the coming of the Lord when we testify that Jesus is our light and our salvation

**Promise:** *“The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.”* (1 Thes 5:24)

**Week #4 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent)**

**Theme:** We prepare for the coming of the Lord when we humbly submit to the will of the Father.

**Promise:** *“Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him, and my covenant with him stands firm.”* (Ps 89: 29)

**Week #5 (Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord)**

**Theme:** We prepare for the coming of the Lord when we celebrate and rejoice over the birth of our Messiah.

**Promise:** *“From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace.”* (Jn 1:16)