

Virtues to live by



Autumn - Patience

Key words for this virtue.



A word cloud on a light gray background. The word "PATIENCE" is the largest and most prominent, centered in a dark brown font. Above it, the word "wait" is also large, in a reddish-brown font. Other words are smaller and scattered around, including "trusting", "complaining", "waiting", "acting", "calm", "tolerate", "good", "painful", "control", "take", "trust", "time", "hard", "happening", "happen", and "self-control".

trusting
complaining
waiting **wait**
acting
calm tolerate good
PATIENCE
painful control
take trust time
hard happening
happen
self-control

I can wait. I have self-control and act calmly even when things are difficult.

We gather...

Focal point:

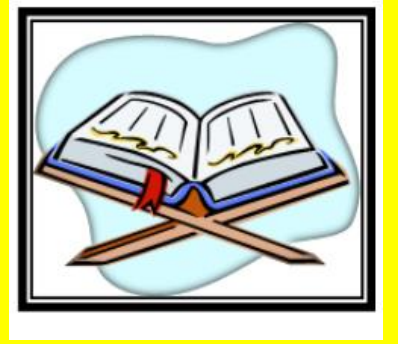
Purple cloth

Clock/timer

Advent wreath



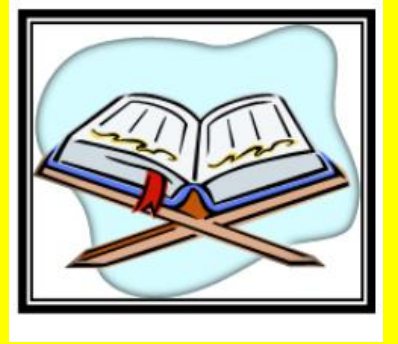
We listen...



Matthew 24:36-44

No One Knows the Day and Hour “No one knows, however, when that day and hour will come—neither the angels in heaven nor the Son; the Father alone knows. The coming of the Son of Man will be like what happened in the time of Noah. In the days before the flood people ate and drank, men and women married, up to the very day Noah went into the boat; yet they did not realize what was happening until the flood came and swept them all away.

We listen...



That is how it will be when the Son of Man comes. At that time two men will be working in a field: one will be taken away, the other will be left behind. Two women will be at a mill grinding meal: one will be taken away, the other will be left behind. Watch out, then, because you do not know what day your Lord will come. If the owner of a house knew the time when the thief would come, you can be sure that he would stay awake and not let the thief break into his house. So then, you also must always be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you are not expecting him.

We respond...



How can we be ready and prepare ourselves for Jesus, the light of the world?

What virtue do we need to see in ourselves at this time? *Patience.*

We go forth...



Discuss the Advent Calendar with a task for each day.

How does the Advent wreath help us to be patient?

Ideas for music:

Stay awake, be ready

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EGYD_FdHp6w

Awake! Awake! For The Lord is coming
Awake! Awake! there's no time to sleep,
Awake! Awake! For The Lord is coming
The King is coming in Glory.

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