



# Watching & Waiting

Advent reflections from the  
Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

## Week 3: Turn to the Lord

These Advent days walk to a different tempo, a different tone. It's not just that daylight fades earlier or that the number of COVID deaths rise. We are different, forever changed by the long Advent for a vaccine, the long Advent for this reality we're in to end.

We celebrated Easter and Pentecost, but somehow it still felt like Advent: the wait to see what would happen next, the wait to return to normal. Most of all, the desire to gather, to get through this together, was banned for our safety. The darkness and fear seem to be the only reality: "My only friend is darkness." (Psalm 88).

Did Mary and Joseph know darkness and fear that first Christmas, as well as uncertainty? How did they keep going? They hoped in You. Nowhere to go, nowhere to lay their head, nowhere to lay you! Yet God provided as He always does.

Where do we find strength and solace? Where do we find hope? We must turn to You, to Your Heart. "In you all find their home" (Psalm 87). Sacred Heart of Jesus, be with us, as we place all our trust in You.

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