

NOVEMBER 29, 2020 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

It is the First Sunday of Advent. The world is waiting for the vaccine of coronavirus. Recently we are hearing good news about the vaccines. I hope everyone in the world get vaccine and go back to normal life as soon as possible.

Let us imagine that this pandemic ends today. Everyone will be happy. However, I guess that most people will have feeling of regret.

There are two types of regrets. One is to regret about what you have done, and the other one is to regret what you didn't do what was necessary. If we compare these two, we can say that the first one has stronger reaction in emotion than the second, and the second one will last longer than first one.

The first type is like this. If anyone broke the regulations for Covid-19 and got sick, one must regret about this. The regret for this will be great.

The second type is like this. We had enough time to read books or broaden our knowledge through mass media. But we waste a lot of time. The regret for this will last long.

As the world waits the vaccine, we Christians are waiting for Jesus' coming. His coming will bring us not only joy but also regret. In the movie, Schindler's list, Oskar Schindler was a selfish business man who used the labors of Jews of the concentration camp. Later he turned into a person who saved them from being gassed at the Auschwitz concentration camp. Even though he saved 1,100 people, he regretted that he hadn't sold his gold ring and car to get more people on his list.

We will regret before Jesus. We cannot change anything about what happened already. But we can still change what we didn't do yet. There is enough time for doing this.

Jesus gave us four weeks. We have four weeks of time. What would you like to do? We can make a list and practice them. When Jesus comes to us, our joy will be great.

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