

Getting Ready for Sunday!



The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Matthew 1:18-24

The Birth of Jesus the Messiah



The last candle will be lit this Sunday marking the beginning of the last week of preparing for Christmas.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.



Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.



But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said:



Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

**God knows our fear when we are asked to do the right thing or something we have never tried before!
God has often told people in the Bible: Do not be afraid!
This message is for you too.**

All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.'



When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife.

**Joseph did what he
knew was right even if
he didn't understand it!**



Fourth Sunday of Advent

We celebrate the fourth week of Advent in the spirit of Love. This is marked by lighting the last purple candle in the Advent wreath.



**Are you nearly ready to celebrate Jesus' birthday with Him?
How have you become more like Jesus during Advent?**

Draw a picture of some of the changes you have made or colour the picture of Mary and Joseph setting off on their difficult journey to Bethlehem.





Bible Search

Read **Matthew 1:18-24** in your family Bible-this is the Gospel reading at Mass this Sunday.



Consider



How can you live with courage this week?

Praying to Jesus



Pray for the grace to know God's will in your daily life!

