

**Sunday, December 20, 4th Sunday of Advent**



Therefore the Lord Himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14)

**Look around you for a sign of God’s presence. When you find it, share it with someone.**

**Tuesday, December 22**

*And Mary said, “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord: my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. For He has looked upon His handmaid’s lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed.” (Luke 1:46)*

**Make a “mini-retreat” to prepare for Christmas. read the first and second chapters of Luke’s Gospel and spend some time reflecting on the story of Jesus’ birth and early life.**

**Thursday, December 24**

*Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, for He has visited and brought redemption to His people. (Luke 1:68)*

As soon as Jesus was born, visitors began to come. First it was the shepherds. Then the wise men. Then Simeon and Anna. Then even the soldiers of Herod were sent to find Him. Together these visitors represent the people of every nation, coming by every possible path and conveyance to see Christ. These words of Zechariah’s Canticle, cited above remind us that it was impossible to contain God in heaven. Through Jesus, He “visited” and “brought redemption” to us. He continues through Jesus and through us to dwell in our world today. When people look at us, do they think of Jesus?

**Thank God for the gift of His Son, Jesus.**

Prayer:

Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel. Lord, may we rejoice that Jesus Christ is born anew in our hearts and in our home. Amen.

**Friday, December 25, Solemnity Of The Nativity Of The Lord**

*“The Word became Flesh and made His dwelling among us, and we have seen His glory: The glory of an only son coming from the Father, filled with enduring love.” (John 1:14)*

**Celebrate the glory and share the joyful news of the birth of Jesus, Our Lord.**

**Monday, December 21**

The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a mighty Savior; He will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in His love, He will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals. (Zephaniah 3:17)

**Send a get-well card to someone in the hospital.**

**Wednesday, December 23**

*Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me; and suddenly there will come to the temple the Lord whom you seek, and the messenger of the covenant whom you desire. Yes, He is coming, says the Lord of host.*

*(Malachi 3:1)*

**Find someone who is not anticipating the holiday with joy and attempt to brighten their outlook.**

