

AVE MARIA PARISH

## *Children's Liturgy of the Word*

### *4th Sunday of Advent*



### *Family Guide:*

This is a guide designed for families to use in addition to our Children's Liturgy of the Word video for the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Included in this guide are the Opening and Closing prayers, the Gospel Reading, and Directions for the craft activity. You will find a resource page with additional activities as well!

# Opening Prayer:

O Come, O Come Emmanuel!

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## 1st Reading:

### **Romans 16: 25-27**

#### **A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans**

Brothers and sisters: To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever.

Amen.

**The word of the Lord.** *Thanks be to God.*

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## Psalm:

***Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.***

# *Gospel Acclamation:*

*Alleluia* ([Click Here](#))



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## *Gospel:*

***Luke 1: 26-28***

### **A reading from the Holy Gospel According to Luke**

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who

was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God.” Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

**The Gospel of the Lord.** *Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ*

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## *Profession of Faith*

***Yes Lord, I Believe! ([Click Here](#))***

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## *Prayer of the Faithful:*

**Response:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

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## *Family Activity:*

Just like the Angel Gabriel, we are all called to be God’s Messengers. Cut out the template of the angel included in this PDF. Decorate one side of the angel as you wish, and on the other side of the angel, write or draw one thing that you can share with others about God’s love and care. Glue a piece of ribbon to the back of the angel to make a Christmas ornament. And remember, that we are all called to be God’s messengers and to share the Good News of God’s love with everyone we meet.

# *Closing Prayer:*

O Come, O Come Emmanuel!

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## *Family Resources*

- [\*The Kid's Bulletin: December 20th\*](#)
- [\*Loyola Press: Advent Activities\*](#)
- [\*Advent Activities\*](#)

