

Love



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Amazing Season of Advent...



- Every step of the journey has been a moment of revelation, a moment of grace from God.
- Over 2,020 years ago, God entered time from His eternity. And when that happened, everything changed, nothing was ever the same.
- Throughout Advent, we have heard of God's promise to send a Saviour into the world and today,
- We catch a glimpse of how that was accomplished from today's readings...

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” John 3:16.

**Two Key
Persons to
Reflect Today.**

**King David
&
Mother Mary**



King David



- He wanted to build a worthy dwelling place for God, because God had already done so many surprising things in his life.
- But for this generosity of David, God surprised David with an unimaginable promise by Prophet Nathan “I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure”.
- Here we notice, instead of David building a house for God, GOD would build a house for David, a dynasty and a kingdom that would last forever.
- The Messiah, the Son of God would be his descendant and therefore his dynasty and His kingdom would last forever.
- The mighty King David was not permitted to provide a home for the Lord. But David’s descendent, the poor and simple Virgin Mary was chosen instead.

Mother Mary in the work of our salvation

- She herself becomes a temple, a tabernacle in which God's Son was to be born. "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee." "Ave Maria, gratia plena, dominus tecum".
- The angelic salutation, now part of the prayer Hail Mary, is sent up to heaven millions of times each day from every corner of the globe.
- The incarnation of God. Mary is chosen to be the Mother of God – indeed a unique privilege. And Mary responds in faith:
'Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let what you have said be done to me.'
- We see Mary's simplicity and her obedience to God's will.



Three lessons

1. God can use you, no matter who you are...

- Mary teaches us that God isn't as interested in your **ABILITY** as He is in your **AVAILability**.
- No matter who you are, God can use you!
- Look at Mary, she was young and poor, and from Nazareth—all characteristics that we might have thought would make her seem unusable by God.
- But God chose Mary for one of the most important jobs He ever asked anyone to do.
- It's not about you! It's about God, so don't limit God!
- He **CAN** use you if you trust Him!



2. Believe! The Lord is with you in all your problems that you face as a believer.

- Imagine the fears she must have experienced as a result of her unplanned pregnancy.
- The very real possibility that Joseph might divorce her.
- The fear of possible rejection by her family.
- Fear of been ridicule by Her community.
- She even might have feared possible death by stoning.
- **Mary's fears were real and well grounded.**
- **Mary's story teaches us that no matter what problems you face, the Lord is with you.**
- One of the titles given to Jesus was "Immanuel," which means "God with us."
- **No matter what your problems, the Lord is with you. Bring those problems to Him.**



3. The Lord keeps His promises to us.

- In Mary's story,
- Even though the angel's news was Unbelievable, SHE BELIEVED it!
- Mary didn't understand it, but SHE also didn't DOUBT it.
- She believed that no matter what God promised, God can do it.
- Nothing is impossible for God.
- Whatever God promises, He delivers. we need to trust Him.
- May God burn these truths into our hearts.



The True Meaning of Today's Gospel



- Angel Gabriel comes to Mary and says “you’re to conceive and bear a son and you must name him Jesus.”
- if you know the meaning of those names you know the whole Gospel.
- Gabriel means “heroic act of God.”
- Mary means “the human condition” and
- Jesus means “God saves.”
- Gabriel comes to Mary and says you'll have Jesus by a heroic act of God in the human condition God will save us, that's the whole story of the gospel.
- As Christmas draws near, Let Jesus be the one to save us.
- Let a heroic act of God happen in our human condition.

Christmas is close at Hand.

- We are busy these days selecting the right gifts and the right cards to give to our dear ones.
- We are busy choosing the right decorations and the right dishes for Christmas....
- **Christmas is a season of choices.**
- But we must remember that we have this Christmas because Mary made the right choice in favor of God and therefore the most unexpected and most surprising thing happened in human history.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters

- Let us keep our focus always on God and Make right choices for all the events of each day of our lives and all that God proposes to us in all those events we may respond like Mary...
- “May it be done to me according to your word.”

**Have an invigorating last Sunday
of Advent.**

