

KEEPING FAITH FIRST- WORD SEARCH

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IMPOSSIBLE
JACOB
JESUS
MARY
NAZARETH
OVERSHADOW
RELATIONS
VIRGIN

Catechizing Corner!

In today's liturgy Mary takes her humble center stage role in order to point us to the reason for the Christmas event, the incarnation of God's Son, Jesus Christ. Mary always points us to Christ and indeed that is her role on this fourth Sunday of Advent. The liturgy increases its energy in proclaiming the coming of Christ in anticipation of the Christmas feast. The opening prayer for today's liturgy reminds us of the paschal nature of the incarnation of Christ: "so lead us through his suffering and death to the glory of the resurrection"

Mary Birmingham, Word and Worship Workbook.

Cycle B, Paulist Press



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Disciple's Reflection for the Question of the Week

Fourth Sunday of Advent

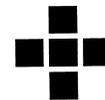
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A Call to Prayer

The Word of God
Luke 1:26-38

Faith Sharing
Questions of the week

Closing Prayer



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Call to Prayer

Begin by calling upon God: **In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.**

Let us pause for a moment and listen attentively to this week's passage.

The Word of God Luke 1:26-38

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



Gospel Glossary

Being **betrothed** is similar to being engaged to be married.

Full of grace means completely united to God's holiness and love.

To conceive means to become pregnant.

The **house of Jacob** is another way of referring to the people of Israel.

When Mary says she has no **relations** with a man, she means she is not yet married.

Barren means unable to have children.

Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:

Children: Who is the person I trust most? What makes this person trustworthy?

Teen: What do the words "Do not be afraid" mean to you this Advent? What fears do I need to turn to God?

Adult: Describe a time when you felt "overshadowed" by the Holy Spirit?

Family: Why is Jesus' name, perfect? Son of the most high.

Closing Prayer

Lord, fill our hearts with your love, and as you revealed to us by an angel the coming of your Son as a human like us, so lead us through his suffering and death to the glory of his resurrection. We ask this, as we ask all things, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Fourth Sunday of Advent