



## **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

In these final days of Advent the scriptures show the beautiful relationship between God and His people. In the Second Book of Samuel, God promises the people of Israel to be with them and to establish a place for their own. He promises them rest from their enemies and prosperity. The promise is their kingdom to last forever.

Psalm 89 speaks of the favors of the Lord. The people sing of God's goodness to them. The covenant made by God with David will remain in place. The people who place their trust in God will never be disappointed.

In the Gospel account by Luke, Mary is visited by the angel Gabriel. The announcement carried by this angel calls for her to rejoice in God's favor. She is initially troubled not knowing what this greeting meant. The angel reveals that Mary will bear a son and name Him Jesus. The young virgin is told that through the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit will this be accomplished. To further convince her of God's power, the angel reveals that Elizabeth, her cousin already older and thought to be sterile is with child. With God all things are possible. Mary goes on to offer her "yes." The angel then leaves her. In this moment, God's will is accomplished and Mary is now with child.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent spotlights our Blessed Mother and shows us her complete trust in the will of God. Perhaps with fear and confusion, she submits and thus becomes the Mother of the Savior. May we, like Mary trust God in all things so that miracles might be possible in us.

Peace,

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