

4th Sunday in Advent
December 21st, 2025

FAITH @ HOME

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First Reading: Isaiah 7: 10-14
Resp. Psalm: Psalm 24: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Second Reading: Romans 1: 1-7
Gospel : Matthew 1: 18-24

[Full readings can be found here!](#)

1. HEAR

Grab your bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? No worries you can find the Gospel reading by clicking [HERE](#)

As an alternative to reading the Gospel, you can watch a short video with the proclamation for adults by clicking [HERE](#)

(YouTube, Gospel Matthew 1 18-24, 2:11 min.)

The children can also watch a video proclamation of the Gospel by clicking [HERE](#) (YouTube, 4th Sunday of Advent Cycle A - Catholic Gospel Cartoon Evangelitainment, 2:39 min)

2. PRAY

Place your family's nativity scene as a prayer space centerpiece. Have each person write or share a challenge for St. Joseph's help and encourage young children to ask for help with something they find hard. Place the prayer intentions under the feet of St. Joseph until Christmas morning when the family gathers to pray: *"St. Joseph, guardian of the Holy Family, as your heart fills with a deep love for your baby son, Jesus, call to mind our intentions. Pray that our hearts be filled with a deep love for Jesus and that the Holy Spirit provide encouragement, guidance and discipline of mind to serve Jesus in our life, Amen."*

3. TALK

The Fourth Sunday of Advent celebrates love, reflecting the Holy Family's example. Mary and Joseph's faithful response to God invites everyone to a loving relationship with Jesus, fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy: Emmanuel—God with us.

Share as a family:

- What barriers do I have in my heart and mind that keep me from fully trusting God?
- How may I support my family in small ways to help them feel loved?
- During these weeks of Advent, in which ways did I respond with my "yes" to God?

