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ADVENT

Some thoughts on today's scripture



For the birth of the Messiah, the situation of Mary as pregnant and the dilemma of Joseph are significant.

Joseph, Son of

David, was perplexed but an angel reassured him in a dream. He was Joseph the dreamer, as we had Joseph the dreamer in the Old Testament (Gen 37). Joseph was told of a promised child whom he is to name Jesus, whose mission will be to save his people from their sins. The child will be Emmanuel - 'God is with us', fulfilling the prophecies. Joseph is reassured to take Mary as his wife.

We are invited to take our challenging situations to the Lord in trust. God's surprising ways are revealed to Mary and to Joseph. Joseph, the righteous man, gives me a message on how to accept Jesus as Saviour? Lord, help me see the surprising ways in which you reveal yourself to me now?

Il Vangelo secondo san Matteo comincia con la "genealogia di Gesù Cristo" (Mt 1,1-17).

L'evangelista sottolinea così che la storia che Dio ha cominciato con Abramo ha ora raggiunto il suo obiettivo in Gesù Cristo. L'obiettivo non è la fine della storia, poiché essa continua, ma in modo nuovo. Ci mostra fino a che punto questa storia sia nuova il brano del vangelo di oggi che parla della "nascita di Gesù Cristo". San Matteo usa qui questa parola, che può significare tutto: genesi, origine, fonte, esistenza, divenire. Il rinnovamento completo si prepara già al versetto 16, in cui si dice: "Giuseppe, lo sposo di Maria, dalla quale è nato Gesù". E dunque chiaro che san Matteo vuol dire che Giuseppe non era che il padre adottivo di Gesù.



"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him."

Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? If God is calling you

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Wednesday January 18



**CHRISTMAS &
NEW YEAR
MASS SCHEDULE**

DECEMBER 24 (Saturday)

05:00 pm - Children's mass
09:30 pm - Carolling (Inni Natalizi)
10:30 pm - Vigil Mass

DECEMBER 25 (Sunday)

09:00 am - Italian
10:30 am - English
12:00 pm - English

DEC 31 (Saturday)

05:00 pm - New Year Thanksgiving Mass

JANUARY 01 (Sunday)

09:00 am - Italian
10:30 am - English
12:00 pm - English

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THE CHURCH**



You are invited to make a donation towards the purchase of flowers to decorate the church and altar for the Christmas Season. Envelopes available at the entrance of the church. Thank You!

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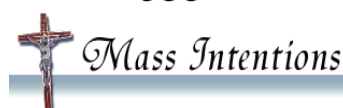
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Thank for your continued support of our neighbours in need.



Sat/sabato - Dec/dicembre 17

5:00 pm - +Pietro & Irma Gentilini

Sun/domenica - Dec/dicembre 18

9:00 am - +Giovanni Aimola
+Nicola & Maria Di Ilio
+Angelo Arciero
+Vittorio Condotta
+Iolanda D'Angelo
+Vena & Polito family
10:30 am - +Renato Pighin
+Eugenio Francella
+Marianna Bellissimo

12:00 pm -

Tue/martedì - Dec/dicembre 20

7:00 pm - +Assunta Defazio

Wed/mercoledì - Dec/dicembre 21

7:00 pm - +Veneranda Gabrielli

Thu/giovedì - Dec/dicembre 22

8:30 am - +Nicola Maiorano

Fri/venerdì - Dec/dicembre 23

8:30 am -

Sat/sabato - Dec/dicembre 24

5:00 pm -

Sun/domenica - Dec/dicembre 25

9:00 am -

10:30 am -

12:00 pm -

Tue/martedì - Dec/dicembre 27

7:00 pm - +Giovanni Monte

Wed/mercoledì - Dec/dicembre 28

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