

Fourth Sunday in Advent (B), Dec. 21, 2014

Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"

Luke 1:34

Readings:

2 Samuel 7:1-16; Psalm 89:2-29; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

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That the universal and deeply human experience of waiting quicken every member of the Church of God to rejoice at the nearness of God, we pray:

That all of our religious and civic leaders be moved to work and pray and legislate tirelessly for justice and peace, we pray:

For parents, teachers, catechists, and all those involved in the lives of children, that through their example of faith they may instill in our young people a love for the Lord and His Church, we pray:

For an increased understanding that our parish is where the Church lives; that we are a community of faith, of action, and of hope; that our parish be a place where the gospel is proclaimed and celebrated, where believers are formed and sent to renew the earth, we pray:

That we who are comfortable might make ourselves a bit less comfortable; that those who are not so fortunate might receive what they truly need, we pray:

May Margaret Shook Zollar, Elaine Tureson, Betty June Stromdahl, and Sean Daly, and all of our beloved dead, and all who have gone before us as friends of God, join in an endless chorus of praise and thanksgiving for ever and ever: AMEN!

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[Sunday Morning] All are welcome for coffee and conversation downstairs in the social hall after the final hymn is sung. I hope you'll join us!

During the last week, members of our parish have lost family members: Margaret Shook Zollar, sister of Jake Zollar, Elaine Tureson, mother of Larry Tureson, and Betty June Stromdahl, mother of Terry Stromdahl. Please, in your kindness, remember all of them in prayer.

We have all sorts of wonderful opportunities for Christmas charity at St Michael's – in fact, too many to mention here! Please visit the table in the back for information on our various programs.

You should have received a postcard in the mail with pictures of our renovated space and times of the Christmas Masses; those times are also in the bulletin and on our regularly updated website.

Volunteers will decorate the church after the Sunday evening mass; anyone who would like to help is very welcome.

You will find a parish staff member at the help desk in the gathering space today; stop there with any questions or comments!

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