

Sunday, December 18, 2005 – **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

This Week's Readings: [2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16](#), [Rom 16:25-27](#), [Lk 1:26-38](#)



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***Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.  
May it be done to me according to your word.”***

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## CatholicMom.com Gospel Activity – Celebrating Our Catholic Faith



Our Advent journey to Jesus is almost complete as we celebrate the **Fourth Sunday of Advent** this week, in anticipation of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We light the last purple candle on our Advent Wreath, we open the last few doors on our Advent Calendars, and we pray and seek the sacrament of Reconciliation as we prepare our hearts and souls for Christmas. In this week's Gospel from the book of Luke, Mary learns a very special message from the Angel – she is to be the mother of Jesus! Mary, a young woman at the time, was surely frightened and nervous about what was ahead of her. But her love for God was so great that she said "Yes" to this special role. Let's do the same this week, by looking around us and saying "yes" when we are given the chance to be the light of Jesus to others!

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