

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dear brothers and sisters,

In the Gospel of Matthew, we encounter St. Joseph as a righteous man—someone who listens attentively to God and responds with generous obedience. By welcoming Jesus into his home, Joseph gives the Child a family, a name, and a place among His people. Through his quiet fidelity, God enters human history and fulfills His saving plan.

Joseph and Mary both faced uncertainty, risks, and situations they could not fully understand. Yet they entrusted themselves completely to God. Their example reminds us that God's plans are always greater than our own, and that those who open their hearts to His will find light and strength even in difficult moments.

Joseph had his own hopes for the future, but he embraced a mission far greater than he expected. Mary, young and humble, offered her steadfast "yes" to God, allowing Him to act powerfully in her life. Together, they teach us that true discipleship begins with trust and surrender.

Every family needs a father who leads with integrity, wisdom, and love. Joseph shows us that genuine fatherhood is lived not by seeking to be imitated, but by forming the next generation in virtue and discernment.

This week, I invite you to take a quiet moment in prayer and ask the Lord:

"What mission are You entrusting to me at this time in my life?"

May St. Joseph and the Blessed Virgin Mary guide us to a deeper openness to God's will.

Blessings,

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