

SANTA MARIA GORETTI PARISH

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Mass Schedule: Tuesday to Friday - 7:00 p.m.

Weekend: Saturday at 5:00 pm. Sunday: 9:30 am (*English*) and 11:30 am (*Italian*)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. before Mass or by appointment

Adoration: Every Friday at 6.30 pm. Rosary every evening: 6:20 pm.

Baptism: Please contact parish office for scheduling Baptism.

Marriage: Contact the Priest at least 6 months prior to the Wedding.

(A Catholic Marriage Preparation Course is a requirement.)

Mezz'ora Con Voi (Italian Radio Program): Sunday at: 8:30 a.m. on 101.7 FM

19 Dicembre 2021

IV Domenica di Avvento / C

L'Obbedienza della Fede



sacrificale del suo Corpo, fatta una volta per tutte (*II Lettura*). L'Eucaristia è il sacramento del Corpo donato e del Sangue versato di Gesù, nato da Maria.

Il profeta Michèa (*I Lettura*) preannuncia che il Cristo, il Salvatore d'Israele, proviene dalla stirpe di Davide e da Betlemme. Nella "casa del pane" nasce il Capo-Pastore del popolo di Dio, colui che è la nostra pace. Maria, all'arcangelo Gabriele che le recò il lieto annuncio della sua divina maternità, rispose con il suo «Eccomi». Portando in grembo il Bambino Gesù, visita la cugina Elisabetta, che attendeva la nascita del precursore del Signore, san Giovanni Battista che, colmato di Spirito Santo, sussulta percependo misteriosamente la presenza del Signore nel grembo di Maria. Elisabetta, animata dallo Spirito Santo, proclama Maria benedetta fra le donne e benedetto il frutto del suo grembo, Gesù, e beata per aver creduto (*Vangelo*). La lettera agli Ebrei ci presenta il mistero di Gesù Cristo, il Figlio del Padre che si fa carne per opera dello Spirito nel grembo di Maria Vergine, compiendo la volontà del Padre che lo ha mandato in mezzo a noi per salvarci e santificarci per mezzo dell'offerta

Don Francesco Dell'Orco.

IVth Sunday of Advent

"Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord". It's easy to forget how difficult it was for Mary to accept God's plan. To be found pregnant out of wedlock was not only a source of shame, but against Levitical law. It could mean her death – a painful death by stoning. Still, Our Lady trusted in the Lord whom she loved and gave her *Fiat* – let it be done. In today's Gospel, we see the first fruits of that trust. In the early days of her pregnancy, when Mary arrived at her cousin Elizabeth's home, she must have wondered how Elizabeth would react. May be Mary would be able to conceal her pregnancy for a few months... Mary had no reason to believe that she and her child would be met with anything other than condemnation. Yet, the moment she arrived, Elizabeth greeted her with love, already knowing of the pregnancy and congratulating Mary for her faith. Even in times of danger, Mary consistently submitted herself to the will of God. She trusted in him. In return, God cared for her. Although she endured suffering throughout her life, she was always provided for by the God of love. We too can put our trust in God, because he cares for us.

Gabrielle Johnson.