



**18 DECEMBER 2022**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



**INTRODUCTION:** God's choice rested on the House of David which was to bring forth the Emmanuel, God-with-us. But Mary's child was to belong to all the nations. We are one of those nations who, by God's call, belong to Jesus and are called to be Saints. Let us ask Our Lord Emmanuel the grace to respond fully.

**First Readings:** Is 7:10-14  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 24: 1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6  
**Second Reading:** Rom 1: 1-7  
**Gospel:** Mt 1: 18-24

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:**

**CELEBRANT:** The Word of God took flesh, showing us the way to become like him. Let us then implore Our Father for the grace to rise up to this calling:

**R/- Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus.**

We pray for Pope Francis, our bishops, priests and religious that through their preaching and ministry, they may make Christ present among his people. **R/-**

We pray for our government and leaders, tasked with decision making, that being led by the Holy Spirit, they may work for common good and welfare. **R/-**

We pray for all our Families that they may strive to build bonds of closeness, understanding and sharing with one another and with the poor and marginalized. **R/-**

We pray for all people of good will that experiencing the Good News that Christ brings they may collaborate with one another in working for peace and justice in our society. **R/-**

We pray for all of us gathered here, that strengthened by your Word and Sacrament, we may experience the newness that Christ brings by His birth and becoming shining lights in our darkened world. **R/-**

**CELEBRANT:** God our heavenly Father, we thank you for Jesus your Son, Our Promised Messiah. May he as our Prince of Peace, shine in our lives, so that we may radiate his presence through our words and actions. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.