

Commentary on the Gospel for Wed, Dec 21st 2016

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The end of the year is filled with hustle and bustle. Classes are nearing the end of the semester, concerts are held to present our work, decorations are set in anticipation of Christmas. The sales, the crowds, the shopping, the bills, the traffic, the taxes – all coming to a climax for the year. There is a lot to deflect the most wonderful time of the year.

The Gospel, thankfully, focuses my attention to Mary. It must have been an exciting time for her sensing the final days of carrying Jesus. I recall those final days just before my children were born. All the preparations were complete, we were just waiting in anticipation. But that was a personal experience.

Well, my neighbors are expecting soon, and we are excited! My colleagues are waiting for adoption, and we are excited! That's what a baby does to us. In four days we will celebrate the birth of Jesus...and it is exciting! Soon, and very soon, we are going to meet the King. The final days before Christmas are a chance to reflect on the blessings of the year so that we can be more attentive to the reason for our Christmas celebration.

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