

ADVENT

Mary's Yes



OUR LADY SAID 'YES' TO WELCOMING JESUS INTO HER LIFE.
ARE YOU WILLING TO DO THE SAME THIS ADVENT?



Word of the Week

Luke 1: 26-35

God sent the angel Gabriel to a town in Galilee named Nazareth. He had a message for a young woman promised in marriage to a man named Joseph, who was a descendant of King David. Her name was Mary. The angel came to her and said, "Peace be with you! The Lord is with you and has greatly blessed you!" Mary was deeply troubled by the angel's message, and she wondered what his words meant. The angel said to her, "Don't be afraid, Mary; God has been gracious to you. You will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High God. The Lord God will make him a king, as his ancestor David was, and he will be the king of the descendants of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end!" Mary said to the angel, "I am a virgin. How, then, can this be?" The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and God's power will rest upon you. For this reason the holy child will be called the Son of God."

Read the Gospel passage again:
What is the most difficult decision
you have ever had to make?
How influential are your
beliefs/morals/values on whether you
say "yes" or "no"?
How can you be more of a "yes"
person, rather than a "no" person?



"Yes" and "no"- these two short words are often the first words we learn when we are small children. Throughout our day, we make countless decisions stemming from a simple "yes" or "no". When you think about it it's rather astounding just how many choices we make in a day!

Advent is a great time to think about Our Lady- Mary, whose "yes" changed the world forever- Her "yes" allowed God to come into the world! She teaches us to be "yes" people rather than "no" people, especially when we face situations which scare us, and which make us go against the crowd.

This week, try to say "yes" rather than "no"-
you never know how important that "yes" will turn out to be!



It must have been such a shock for a young, poor, unmarried women to be visited by an angel and told she was going to have a baby. Yet not once did she complain.

Instead she accepted what she was being told.

How willing are you to follow instructions?

Do we agree to do things for others that we wouldn't choose to do ourselves?

How often do we listen to what God is telling us?

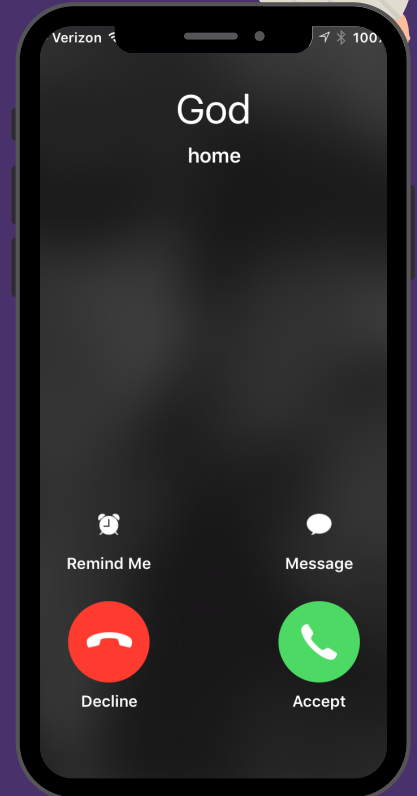
And would we follow His instructions?

God calls us in different ways on many different occasions. He asks many things of us. Take a look at this video which invites us to think about how we can listen to God.

[CLICK HERE](#) (How to actually *hear* God in prayer)

God asks something of us during this season of Advent. He asks us to prepare ourselves for the Lord's coming. Let us not shy away, but meet the challenge head on.

Let us say "YES" to God as Mary did.



*In this week's Word of the Week, the soon-to-be-born Jesus is given his name...
This week, find out what your name means, and how you came to be given it!*



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Prayer for the Week

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR CHOOSING OUR LADY TO BE YOUR 'YES' PERSON, AND THROUGH HER, SENDING YOUR SON TO BE WITH US IN THE WORLD. DURING THIS ADVENT SEASON, INSPIRE US BY MARY'S EXAMPLE, THAT BY OUR DAILY ANSWERS OF 'YES' WE MAY BUILD A CIVILISATION OF LOVING KINDNESS, AND MAKE YOU KNOWN THROUGHOUT OUR WORLD.

WE MAKE THIS PRAYER THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD.

AMEN.