



ST. ROMUALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 2, 2018 - First Sunday of Advent

dear Padre

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I noticed in our Sunday bulletin that our parish is setting up a Jesse tree and a giving tree for Advent. What are these trees?

Parishes and families use the Jesse tree and the giving tree as two distinct ways to prepare for the coming of Jesus, the child king.

We use the Jesse tree to remember Jesus' own royal family tree. The Gospel of Matthew traces Jesus' genealogy back to Abraham (1:1-17), while Luke lists his ancestors back to Adam (3:23-28). The purpose is to connect Jesus to Abraham and Adam, and convey the historical longing of the Chosen People for a messiah. Throughout Advent, names of significant figures in Israelite history and quotations from the Hebrew Testament are hung on the branches. Usually, the Jesse tree is placed in a prominent position, in church or at home, so all can see the history of Jesus unfold as we get ever closer to Christmas.

The giving tree challenges each parish family or member to buy a gift for someone in need. The parish sets up a tree that is decorated with tags suggesting gifts for those in need. Clothing sizes and children's ages are connected with the requests on the tree, so that the givers can easily get the needed items and take their gifts to the church by a designated date. The gifts are then distributed before Christmas. The giving tree unites us to the great message Jesus continues to give us at Christmas: Whatever you do to the least of these, you do to me (see Matthew 25:40).—
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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE *Blessed Virgin Mary* ©LPI

DECEMBER 8TH MASS TIME 8:00 AM

Masses for the Week

December 3rd - 9th

Mon	8:00 am	NO MASS
Tues	1:00 pm	NO MASS (Extended Care)
Wed	5:00 pm	NO MASS
Thur	9:30 am	NO MASS (Medco)
Fri	9:00 am	J.W. Bland (JB)
Sat	8:00 am	Walter & Dorothy Manning (MM)
	5:00 pm	Tom Priest (CP)
Sun	7:00 am	St. Romuald Parishioners
	10:00 am	Earl O'Donoghue (PO)

Stewardship of Finance

November 17th & 18th

Sunday Collection.....	\$11,135.00
Children.....	\$0
Building Fund.....	\$40.00

November 24th & 25th

Sunday Collection.....	\$7,252.00
Building Fund.....	\$5.00
St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$768.00

REGULAR COLLECTION (Envelopes and Loose)

Amount needed Weekly.....\$9,500.00

Year to date Totals thru October 31, 2018

Total All Income.....	\$180,720.36
Total All Expenses.....	(175,290.97)
Net Income	\$5,429.39

Worship and Sacrament

Anointing of the Sick: Anointing of the Sick is celebrated with the parish community every first Wednesday at 5:00 pm Mass. Yet, anytime, anointing is available for illness, preparation for surgery or for recovery, by calling Fr Tony.

Baptism: Congratulations on the birth of your child! Your Church Family is excited about your family growing and our family growing! We look forward to celebrating your child's baptism! Preparation for new parents or those new to the parish is held by appointment. Call Fr Tony.

Marriage: Congratulations on your engagement! Your Church Family wishes to help you fully prepare spiritually and walk with you into this lifetime commitment to each other. In order to allow sufficient time, couples must contact the parish office at least 6 months before the anticipated wedding date.

Confession/Reconciliation: Every Wednesday 4:00-4:45 pm; every Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm, every first Saturday after 8:00 am Mass, or anytime by simply asking or calling Fr Tony for appointment.

Visitation of the Sick: Please notify Father or the office upon admission of a family member into nursing homes or hospital. Often we rely upon word from the family about illnesses of a member. Please call.

RCIA: Interested in the Catholic Faith? The RCIA process is a "spiritual journey" that fully initiates those who are not baptized or who have baptism from another tradition and wish to join fully the Catholic Church. Classes are offered through the year culminating at Easter! Please call the office for details!

Membership in the Parish: Welcome to all new families or persons moving into our parish. We are glad that you are joining the parish community. We want to visit with you and help you settle into the church. Please register in the parish office as soon as possible.

Ministers of the Liturgy - December 8th & 9th

	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ushers	Servers	Rosary Leaders	Music Ministers
5:00 pm	Bryan O'Reilly Mary Jo Rankin	Shannon Aldridge Jennifer O'Reilly	C-Tim Aldridge* C-Arnold O'Reilly S-David Basham S-Davye Duggins	Claire O'Donoghue Ben Aldridge	Jamesetta Whitfill	Pippa
7:00 am	Cara Wilson Anne O'Reilly	Denise Smith	C-Scott Wilson* C-Stephen Oelze S-Chuck Hardesty S-Leo Wheatley	Morgan Tabor Volunteer	Margie Wethington	Pippa
10:00 am	LaDonna Barton Mona Hinton Sharon Hale Sandy Horsley	Lori Carwile Joellen McGary	C-Chuck McGary* C-Ron O'Donoghue S-Ethan O'Donoghue S-Mack Mattingly	Tori Barton Volunteer	Laura Frank	Deacon Tony

Radio Minister: Laura Skillam

Children's Liturgy: NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Parish News and Events



RCIA Schedule Changes/ Reminders:

RCIA Refreshment Team for Dec. 5:

Jenny Pile, Dorothy Jarboe, Martha Severs, Sherry Hicks

RCIA Refreshment Team for Dec. 12:

Lisa Kennedy, Judy Dowell, Rita Greenwell, Jessie Lewis

Thanks to Jeanne Lee, Judy Tivitt and Lori Howard for providing refreshments for RCIA this past week!

Thanks to all willing to help with this ministry! If you are willing to serve on a **RCIA refreshment team *one time*** between March - May 2019, please call Marie Rose at 756-2356 or 270-617-0538 to be placed on the schedule. Thank you for volunteering for this ministry!!!



Today Sunday December 2 at the 10AM Mass we will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance into the Catechumenate and the Rite of Welcoming the Candidates with our RCIA inquirers. Please keep them in your prayers and offer them your support on this faith journey!

First Friday 24-hour Adoration: December 7th at 11:00 am we begin the 24 hour adoration until Saturday morning mass at 8:00 am. We are blessed with dedicated adorers for each hour, but can use extra people for some hours. Please call Minnie Nimmo 270-617-0297 or Patsy Whitfill 270-617-2557 to volunteer spending an hour in prayer with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Need Your Help

We are getting ready to schedule Liturgical Ministers for Christmas and upcoming Holy Days. If you know you can minister (Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Servers, Ushers, Gift Bearer) for any of these day please call the office at 270-756-2356 and let us know.

Immaculate Conception 8:00 am, Dec 8
Christmas Masses, 4 & 8:00 pm, Dec 24
Christmas Day Mass 9:00 am, Dec 25
Mary, the Mother of God, 6:00 PM, Dec 31
9:00 AM, Jan 1

Thank you in advance!

This Week at St. Romuald

Mon	8:00 am	NO MASS
	1:00 pm	Blue Army Rosary
	7:00 pm	Al-Anon
Tues	1:00 pm	NO MASS at Extended Care
	4:00 pm	Rosary
	5:00 pm	Altar Society Meeting
	6:00 pm	St. Vincent de Paul
Wed	6:00 pm	RCIA
Thur	9:30 am	NO MASS at Medco
Fri	9:00 am	School Mass
Sat		Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)
	8:00 am	Holy Day Mass

Ministers of the Liturgy - December 8th Mass 8:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ushers	Servers	Music Ministers
Anne O'Reilly Volunteer needed	Kathy Kiper Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed

Around and About

Advent Giving Tree:

This year our tree is going up Saturday November 24th! The tree will stay up for 3 full weeks. We are requesting gifts to be returned no later than Sunday December 16th. We ask that you don't wrap the gifts. Some changes are taking place regarding the Advent tree. The changes include:

1. We will not be placing the residents of Medco and Extended Care on the tree. We will instead be giving the Catholic residents a poinsettia.
2. We have simplified the application to one clothing item or shoes and one toy.
3. We will be more selective about the applicants placed on the tree, so if you know a family in need, we ask you contact Amelia Anthony (270)872-6431 or Deacon Tony Anthony (270)617-8032.

Mass Intentions: No matter what parish I've been at, there are always questions and concerns about Mass Intentions. I will try to answer some of the more frequent questions and concerns:

1. How many Mass Intentions should a parish keep on their books? By Diocesan Policy the diocese says, a parish should only keep enough Mass intentions for a given year. At the end of the year all other Mass intentions should be sent away to the mission in order that a parish does not carry Mass intentions over from year to year.
2. Does a parish have to have one Mass on the weekend and on Holy Day be offered for the parish members? Yes, by policy of the diocese.
3. Why does the same families get the Mass intentions for the major feast and holy days (i.e. Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving)? Good question! I don't have an answer but I would ask families that if they have had the major feast days to be mindful that there are other families who would like to have their loved ones remember on some of those days as well. I say this not to upset anyone but to ask people to think of others as well.

Any questions about Mass intentions please feel free to ask me. Love, Fr. Tony

Al-Anon Meeting: Mondays 7:00 pm St Romuald Parish Hall. Come find support and understanding to recover a sense of serenity in your life.

Pray to end abortion: Join other Catholics and those from other faiths that gather each Saturday at 2nd and Market in Louisville from 7:00-8:00 am (EST) to pray for families entering the abortion clinic. Many children have been saved and mothers spared future grief by this prayer action and support. With God, all things are possible! Archbishop Kurtz is known to show up and pray with everyone too!

Abortion Update: Last week 68 women went into EMW Clinic for abortions at 2nd and Market Street in Louisville. **Please pray to end abortion.**

College Students: We need the names and addresses of all the college students that belong to St. Romuald Parish. Please call the church office, Monday thru Friday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm or drop the information in an envelope in the collection basket.

Thank you.

Readings for the Week

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Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6



FYI: Every year we are required to make a retreat; for the last 6 years. I have made mine in Rome, Italy. A very good friend takes me over to Rome or as he likes to say, he takes me to Headquarters. I will be going over to Rome on December 3-12. I ask that you keep me in your prayers and I will keep all of you in mine. Fr. Tony Stevenson will cover for me if there is a funeral. See you on the 13th! Prayers Fr. Tony

Men’s Discernment Retreat

The Diocese of Owensboro Vocations Office invites you to participate in *The Men’s Discernment Retreat*, a retreat for men ages 18-30 who are seriously thinking about their vocation and who have the desire to courageously give their lives to Christ. This retreat is an opportunity to set some time out in silence to listen to the voice of God in your life, receive guidance for the discernment process, learn the tools of discernment, and sharpen your discerning skills. There will be time for prayer, reflection, and rest. The Men’s Discernment Retreat will be held on **December 14-16** at St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. There is no cost to participate in this retreat but registration is necessary. Registration deadline is December 10th. You may register online at www.owensborovocations.com <https://owensborovocations.com/vocationsevents/mens-discernment-retreat/>

For more information and to register, contact the vocations office: 270-683-1545, ja-son.mcclure@pastoral.org,

Dear Parishioners,

Please join us the weekend of December 8, 2018 to hear Rev. Michael J. Goodavish speak at all the services about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin American and the Caribbean.

Father Goodavish will share personal witness about Food For The Poor’s mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

Fr. Goodavish was ordained in 1987 and belongs to the Diocese of St. George in Grenada.

Please join me in welcoming Father Goodavish.



SRIS Pre-K Children did chores at home to earn money for the Knights of Columbus Christmas Baskets

St. Romuald Altar Society: The Altar Society wants to thank everyone for your support of the Turkey Dinner. Again it was a hug success. Our next meeting is December 4th at 5:00 pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!

Advent Penance Services

December 13 6:00 pm	Immaculate Conception
December 18 6:00 pm	St. Mary’s of the Woods
December 19 6:00 pm	St. Anthony
December 20 6:00 pm	St. Romuald

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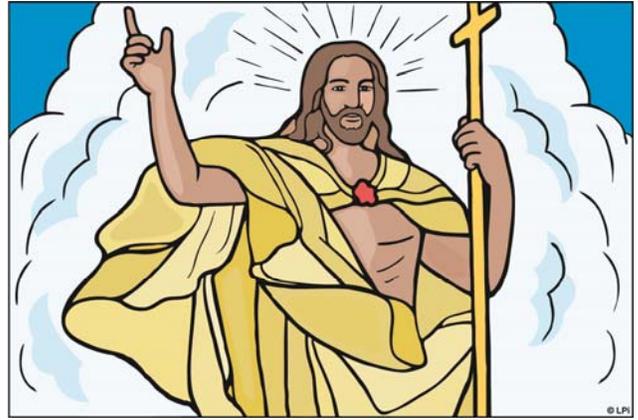
PRAYER REQUESTS

We Pray For:



Bobbie Adcox, Frank Adkins, Charles Alloway, Keith Androski, Frank Baker, Baby Barr, Glenn Basham, Gene Bennett, Roy Bennett, Pat Bland, Debbie Bowlds, Becky Brown, Ava Bruner, Juanita Burch, Kathy Burns, Mike Clark, Anna Carrico, Elias R. Carter, Ashley Carwile, Robert Chambliss, Donnie Claycomb, H.L. DeJarnette, Pat Driskell, Debbie Dubree, Davye Duggins, Sammy Duggins, Glenda Farris, Tessa Farris, Bonnie Gail Fentress, Lee Ann Flener, Ginny Flood, Don Ford, Dorothy Greenwell, Linda Greenwood, Austin Harris, Kay Harris, JoAnn Henning, Patricia Miller Henning, Joe Hess, Kitty Himmelhaver, Bill Hinton, Jacqueline Huddleston, Mary Hurt, Robert Jackey, Joe Jarboe, Virginia Jeffries, Mary Ann Johnson, Ashley Jones, Becky Keenan, David Lane, Daniel Lewis, Rebecca Logsdon, Mary Ann Flood Lynch, Mark Masterson, Baby Danica Mattingly, Jim Mattingly, Jude Mattingly, Janie Maysey, Bevan Michael Miller, Joe Miller, Richard Miller, Joe & Sharon Morgan, Anna Christine Mundt, Eddie O'Bryan, Joe Oelze, Patsy Oelze, Janet O'Reilly, Peggy Phillips, Jason Pirtle, Bobby Potts, Joan & Tom Powers, Marilyn Preher, Joe Priest, Mary Jo Rankin, Rita Roach, Shirley Robbins, Kimberly Rolen, Suzanne Rose, Darcy Satterly, Dale Severs, Max Sharp, Bob Smith, Carressa Smith, Deborah Sue Stevens, Casey Sturgeon, Pam Sturgeon, Adalee Taul, Gina Thornsberry, Rufus Tivitt, Donnie Vessels, Pat Watkins, Greg Weise, Raymond Wethington, Charles Whitehead, Diane Whitney, Darrell Whitfill, Leona Whitworth, Madelyn Whitworth, Carolyn Wilcheck, Kevin Wilcheck, David Williams, Tom Winchell, Anne Wolfe, Brandy Young **Serving in the Armed Forces:** Mandie Adams, Kevin Arnold, Fred Barham, Austin Brown, Timothy Cashen, Ryan Critchelow, Cody Garst, Parker Findlay, James Hanor, Christian Hansen, Charles Kuhlman, Bradford O'Reilly, Jordan Pate, Jeff Smith, Lane D. Taul, Liana Tindle, Chase Upchurch, Garrett Wadsworth

PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY



GOSPEL MEDITATION

December 02, 2018
1st Sunday in Advent

Tribulation. Wildfires. Tsunamis. Moral corruption. Disease. War. We tend to associate these things with the end times, and perhaps for good reason! In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world." Not exactly putting us in the Christmas spirit, is it? During Advent, we anticipate a celebration of Christ's first coming. There is a quiet stillness about our waiting, or at least we try to encourage that in ourselves. Perhaps we have an Advent devotional or we take time to pray together as a family around the Advent wreath.

But Jesus did not come only once into history. During Advent, we remember that he will come again. You may remember the rapture craze in the early 2000s, when a series of books and movies envisioned a future where Jesus was coming soon and all the true believers had been whisked away. Everyone else had one more chance to repent before things really went to hell...literally, in this case!

But is that what Jesus is talking about here? The truth is, we don't know what Jesus' Second Coming will be like. The actual return of Christ - though sudden and perhaps frightening to some - should not frighten us. Despite all the stories we may have heard about the apocalypse, the advice of Jesus is not to hang our heads or cower in fear. "Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." In a certain sense, we are already living in the end times. We already encounter great tribulation. We all find it easy to get distracted or discouraged in the grind of daily life. Today's Gospel reminds us that vigilance for God's presence is needed now.

Celebration

BIRTHDAYS:

Aulton Richards, December 7th
Judy Hardesty, December 11th
Mary Ann Johnson, December 12th

Knights of Columbus Families: Our Annual Light Up for Christ Christmas Dinner is on the 11th of December @ 6 pm, St Romuald's Parish Hall. Please bring a cover dish and desert. Meats will be provided by the Council. In support of the Angel Tree we will be asking for a small monetary donation. We will also be drawing the winners of our Raffle.

The Knights of Columbus Raffle Drawing will be on the 11th of Dec at our Light up for Christ Dinner. There are still a tickets available for sell. Remember you have three chances to win. 1st Prize \$1500, 2nd Prize \$1000, and 3rd Prize \$500. \$20 a ticket and only 300 will be sold. Please contact me 617-0754 or Jason Moorman 617-8403 for you ticket(s). Thank you, Pat O'Reilly, GK



Sunday, Dec 02, 2018

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A sober reckoning

Happy Advent! Although this season shares Lent's purple color, it's not meant to evoke the penitential atmosphere of that other preparatory season. Yet Advent does invite us to a more contemplative mood. Apart from the dizzying holiday pace of December, we make room to ponder a mystery. God is with us: as a baby born to mortal limits, as the boundless Lord of the end-times, and as the Spirit that accompanies us right now, through all our days. Our times give us many reasons to be afraid. The perfect love of God-with-us casts out every fear.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 (3).* "People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world."

Monday, Dec 03, 2018

MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST

Dress to impress

One of the founding members of the Jesuits, Saint Francis Xavier (1506-52) is considered to have been one of the greatest missionaries since the apostles. Appointed to re-evangelize portions of the Far East, Francis placed himself with the outcasts, preaching to the sick and dying at hospitals and orphans and slaves in the street. He understood that, were the fire of Christianity to spread through the East, the kindling must begin at the base of society. Rather than arriving like a royal ambassador, Francis clothed himself with rags and made his home in the lowliest shelters. His example shows us how humble appearances can be the greatest tool for bringing the message of Christ to others.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11 (175).* "Amen, I say to you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith."

Tuesday, Dec 04, 2018

MEMORIAL OF JOHN DAMASCENE, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Your cup will overflow

God does not send us away hungry. Remember this promise of faith the next time you find yourself feeling empty. During times of spiritual dryness, trust that you will eventually be fulfilled. As Saint John Damascene observed, as created beings, humans are subject to flux: "By flux," writes this seventh-century church doctor, "I mean . . . depletion, for dry things and wet things and spirit suffer depletion, and require repletion." The best thing you can do to restore your soul is to continue to pray and to do good works. As you feed others, you will soon find yourself satisfied as well.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24 (176).* "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see."

Wednesday, Dec 05, 2018

ADVENT WEEKDAY

On top of the world

"We've got some difficult days ahead. But it doesn't matter with me now. Because I've been to the mountaintop," Martin Luther King Jr. said in his last public speech. "I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the Promised Land." In scripture, mountains are sacred places; the mountaintop is the epitome of the experiences that show us the glory of God. From that vantage point, everything fades away and we see like God—with a clarity that gives glory and can change the world.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37 (177).* "On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples."

Thursday, Dec 06, 2018

MEMORIAL OF NICHOLAS, BISHOP

He comes bearing gifts

Saint Nicholas spoke out against heresies and was imprisoned for a time for his beliefs. His faithfulness is exemplary, but charity remains his signature virtue. What started with Nicholas tossing a few bags of coins into a poor family's yard has been transformed over centuries of retelling, embellishing, grafting, and adapting into the magical tales of Ole Saint Nick (Father Christmas, Santa Claus, Kris Kringle), whose yearly ambition is to deliver gifts to every girl and boy. We may not bring out our best robes and a fatted calf for the annual return of Santa, but cookies and milk serve nicely to show our gratitude to Saint Nick for inspiring ole souls of every stripe to be jollier and more generous.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27 (178).* "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven."

Friday, Dec 07, 2018

MEMORIAL OF AMBROSE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

We're expecting!

Expectant mothers and fathers hear the stories of the coming of the Christ child with new ears. They know what it was like for Mary, large with child and focused on an inward life; and for Joseph, large with anxiety and focused outward on protecting and providing for this expanding family. Yet even those of us who do not anticipate carrying an infant in our arms anytime soon are Christ-bearers, as Saint Ambrose (c. 340-397) reminds us: "Christ has only one mother in the flesh, but we all bring forth Christ in faith." Prepare a place for the newborn!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31 (179).* "Let it be done for you according to your faith."

Saturday, Dec 08, 2018

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Past and present

Advent is a good time to ponder the mysteries of Mary, and the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (which celebrates Mary's conception) is a good place to start. According to Pope Pius IX's 1854 solemn decree on the Immaculate Conception, "Mary was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ." Here's the mystery: God preserved Mary from sin through the love of her son. What does this mean? It means that God works in the past as well as the present. It means further that our own past wounds and deeds—which we thought were cast in stone—are available to be transformed, too. What in your past needs healing?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38 (689).* "The angel said to her, 'Nothing will be impossible with God.'"

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