

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

December 24, 2017

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 + Romans 16:25-27 + Luke 1:26-38



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It seems strange to realize that this year the fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve are on the same day. It's like being cheated of some Advent time. So how will we spend these last few hours between Advent and Christmas? Will we occupy ourselves rushing about with preparations of last minute Christmas tasks of shopping, wrapping, cooking and baking? Maybe these tasks will be necessary, but could we include a visit to a lonely neighbor that might need some Christmas spirit? Or a pretty gift that we might buy for someone who will not be getting any gifts? Or a ride to Christmas Mass for someone who has no way of getting there?

Jesus became incarnate over two thousand years ago. He continues being incarnate in each of us all over the world. Let us celebrate this today and every day!