

Friday, December 22



home. (Matthew 1:22-24)

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord has said through the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall be with the child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel" which means, "God is with us," When Joseph awoke; he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took his wife into his

Reflection: Joseph's commitment to Mary and to the child in her womb caused confusion and pain. He was a devout and honourable man, determined to do what was right. He trusted what he heard God say in his dream and obeyed the command of the angel.

In our own lives our commitment to Jesus can cause discomfort, confusion, even pain. We must depend on God as did Mary and Joseph.

Advent Action: If you haven't already done so, put up a crèche or some other symbol to remind you of the coming feast.

Prayer: O come, O come, great Lord of Might, Who to your tribes on Sinai's height In ancient times one gave the Law In cloud and majesty and awe.