



### Week 4 of Advent

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> - 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and shall name Him Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14)

**Reflection:** Sometimes the signs God gives are unmistakable. Sometimes the signs are not so obvious. What signs do we see when we look around us? Sometimes it is hard to see God's signs because the signs of our world are so ever present and large. How many times this month have you seen this sign: "ONLY 20 (or 18, or 10, or 6 or...) MORE SHOPPING DAYS 'TIL CHRISTMAS." Do we ever stop to think, "How many praying days left until **Christmas?**"

**Advent Action:** Look around you for a sign of God's presence. When you find it, share it with someone.

**Prayer:** O come, O Key of David, come and open wide our heavenly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.



John Cardinal O'Connor once marvelled that Jesus would have been born to save even *one* of us. (Think of that. Christ was born, in effect, just for *you!*) Advent prayers remind us that this is a joyful *and* a penitential time.