

Fourth Sunday of Advent



We spend much of our time in this world waiting. Waiting to board the airplane (Why is it taking so long?). Waiting for the traffic light to change to green (We have things to do and places to go!). Waiting in line at the grocery store (Can't they find some more cashiers, so things can speed up here?) Waiting to hear the outcome of an interview (Did I get the job?) Waiting for the results of a medical test (Do I

have cancer?) Waiting for the birth of a child, who is now a couple days overdue in making its appearance (Is everything all right in there?)

All of this waiting causes us to become impatient, and sometimes cranky. But once we get an answer, no matter the result, at least the pressure and the worry has ended. Right now, we are waiting for Jesus' birth. But unlike the above situations, this time we know that we'll get what we want and what we need; He never fails to come to us, in the form of a tiny, helpless baby. So, let's anticipate Jesus' birth as we wait, and know that, this time, the answer will be a positive blessing. Then, the rejoicing can begin!

Merry Christmas!

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