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Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me according to your word."



Our Advent journey towards Jesus Christ is almost complete as we celebrate the **Fourth Sunday of Advent** this week, in anticipation of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We light the remaining violet candle on our Advent wreath, we open the last few doors on our Advent calendars, and we pray and seek the sacrament of Reconciliation as we prepare our hearts and souls for Christmas.

In this Sunday's gospel reading (**Luke 1:26-38**), Mary learns a very special message from the Angel – she is to be the mother of Jesus! Mary, a young woman at the time, was surely frightened and nervous about the path that was ahead of her. But her love for God was so great that she said, “Yes” to this special role. Let's do the same this week, by looking around us and

saying “Yes, Lord” when we are given the chance to be the light of Jesus to others.

For More Fun:

- ✓ This week, follow Mary's example and look for opportunities to say, “Yes” when you have a chance to follow God's will or help a friend.
- ✓ This week, we celebrate the lives of St. Peter Canisius (12/21) and St. John of Kanty (12/23). Learn more about the lives of the saints at www.Saints.SQPN.com.
- ✓ Support our ministry this week by purchasing Lisa Hendey's new book: **The Grace of Yes** at Amazon, Barnes & Noble or your local Catholic bookstore. Thank you for your support!
- ✓ We love to hear from you! . Email me at lisa@catholicmom.com to let me know where you live and where you go to Church!

“Forever I will sing,
the goodness of the Lord.”