

Today we continue to proceed through the final seven days of Advent, and for us in particular, our last weekday Mass before Christmas Eve.

In the First Reading, we hear of how God has something really big planned. The prophet points out that even what happened in Egypt ... the whole Cecil B. DeMille production, or whatever the current movie is, ... that will be overshadowed by what is coming.

And in the Gospel, we hear of Joseph being visited by an angel to strengthen his faith.

That is what we need in our world. We're already bombarded by Christmas ... technically since even before Halloween, these days. Yet as Christians we wait in joyful expectation. And when the rest of the country is tearing down the decorations and getting ready for Washington's Birthday ... we will continue to celebrate the Christmas season.

And so, let us resolve in these remaining 6 days of Advent to truly expect the miracle that God has in store for us ... indeed, the coming of Christ at Christmas, but also to recognize that His coming 2,014 years ago truly changed everything.

As we approach this altar to receive the Sacred Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, may our faith be strengthened by this Eucharist, and may we be drawn into the miracle that awaits us in the Person of Jesus Christ.