

Meet You at the Altar Mass Journal- Grades 7-9

12/18/2022- Fourth Sunday of Advent

Student Name: _____

Faith Formation Grade: _____

Small Group Leader Name: _____

1. At which church did you attend Mass?
 - a. St. Anthony
 - b. St. Patrick
 - c. St. Elizabeth Seton
 - d. Other
2. At what time did you attend Mass? (Write your response in the space below)
3. Did you attend Mass in person or online?
 - a. In person
 - b. Online
4. Who was the priest that celebrated the Mass that you attended?
 - a. Fr. Steve
 - b. Fr. Matt
 - c. Other
5. In today's Gospel, Joseph learns in a dream that the baby Mary will have is named Jesus. We also learn that another name for Jesus is "Emmanuel," which means "God is with us." The names we give people and things often have special meanings. **Do you know the meaning of your name? Ask a parent why they gave you your name!**
6. In today's Gospel reading, we hear the story of how God sends a message to Joseph in a dream and asks Joseph to trust in God's plan. There are many ways in which we are called to trust other people, and we hope that we will grow to be people who are worthy of trust. **Do you think it was easy for St. Joseph to trust in God and God's plan? Why or why not?**

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7. I am sure you are familiar with Santa Claus, but did you know that he is also known as St. Nicholas? St. Nicholas was a real person who lived around the year 300 and became a bishop while still very young. During his life, he secretly helped the poor by giving them gold coins in their shoes. This is where we get the tradition of getting presents in our stockings on Christmas! **What is the best Christmas gift you have ever received? What made it so special?**

Parent Question

1. Joseph and Mary are our models for family life and for service of God. Even when the circumstances seemed unclear, Joseph trusted God. Healthy family life is built upon trust, trust in God and trust of one another. **What is one way you cultivate trust in your family?**