

# Advent: December 19th

**Gospel text (Lk 1,5-25):** In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there lived a priest named Zechariah (...). Elizabeth, Zechariah's wife, also belonged to a priestly family. Both of them were upright in the eyes of God (...), but they had no child. Elizabeth could not have any and now they were both very old.



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Today we read the story of Zechariah and Elizabeth, parents of John the Baptist. The Archangel St. Gabriel appeared to Zechariah in the Temple of Jerusalem and announced to him that he was going to have a son, who would be the precursor of the Messiah.

- Zechariah, perhaps because of the shock, hesitated and asked for a demonstration. And he did have it: he was left mute... Always trust in God!