



**December 6, 2020** | Second Sunday of Advent

Exodus 1:15–21 | **Shiphrah and Puah: Women of Integrity**

No one would have blamed them, after all, they didn't really have a choice: they were slaves, they were single, and they didn't even have a family. But, when it came time to decide, they chose to risk it all knowing it very well mean their own deaths. Shiphrah and Puah were two midwives who displayed integrity in the face of Pharaoh's madness.

**December 13, 2020** | Third Sunday of Advent

Joshua 2:1–21 | **Rahab: A Woman of Loyalty**

When spies arrive at her boarding house, Rahab shows she is spiritually discerning. She knows of the character of Israel's God. So, when she is asked to give up these men to save her own country, she shows loyalty to the creator of heaven and earth rather than to her own people.

**December 20, 2020** | Fourth Sunday of Advent

Luke 1:26–38 | **Mary: A Woman of Trust**

Suddenly, a young teenage girl named Mary finds herself in a scene straight out of the Scriptures. She is afraid and confused. The angel promises incredible things to her that, if they come true, will change the life of her whole nation. Humbly, practicing a great deal of trust, she accepts her dramatic role in God's plan of salvation.

**December 27, 2020** | Third Day of Christmas

Judges 4:4–15 | **Deborah: A Woman of Empowerment**

Often leadership means empowering others to act. Deborah embodies this perfectly. Called to lead, she names the people through whom victory will come. When her general remains unsure, she pledges to go with him into the battle. Without her strength Israel's victory is in doubt.

**January 3, 2021** | Tenth Day of Christmas

1 Samuel 1:9–20 | **Hannah: A Woman of Selflessness**

Her heart continued to break year after year because she was not able to give her husband a son. Hannah's life, despite her husband's love, had become a torment. She desired a son to honour her husband, and made the ultimate sacrifice by dedicating her son to God's service.

**January 10, 2021** | Epiphany Sunday

Esther 4:4–17 | **Esther: A Woman of Courageousness**

The whole kingdom seemed to be against the Hebrew people, after all the king just signed an edict to put them all to death. Now Esther had to decide if she was going to reveal to the man who just signed her death warrant that she was in fact one of them. Esther shows tremendous courage as she faces a man who has already killed one wife.