

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

When the Archangel Gabriel announced to the Blessed Virgin that she would conceive the Jewish Messiah, Jesus Christ, and become the Mother of God, The Word made Flesh, the Incarnation.

St. Luke 1:26-55

²⁶ And in the sixth month, the Angel Gabriel was sent from God into a city of Galilee, called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David: and the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And the Angel being come in, said unto her: Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. ²⁹ Who having heard, was troubled at his saying and thought to herself what manner of salutation this should be.

³⁰ And the Angel said to her: Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found grace with God. ³¹ Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son: and thou shalt call His name Jesus. ³² He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of David his father: and He shall reign in the house of Jacob for ever. ³³ And of His Kingdom there shall be no end. ³⁴ And Mary said to the Angel: How shall this be don, because I know not man? ³⁵ And the Angel answering, said to her: The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee. And therefore also the Holy which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. ³⁶ And behold thy cousin Elizabeth, she also hath conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her that is called barren. ³⁷ Because no word shall be impossible with God. ³⁸ And Mary said: Behold the handmaid of the Lord: be it done to me according to thy word. And the Angel departed from her.

³⁹ And Mary rising up in those days, went into the hill country with haste into a city of Juda. ⁴⁰ And she entered into the house of Zachary and saluted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ And it came to pass that when Elizabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the infant leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost. ⁴² And she cried out with a loud voice and said: Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb. ⁴³ And whence is this to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ For behold as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed art thou that hast believed, because those things shall be accomplished that were spoken to thee by the Lord.

⁴⁶ And Mary said: My soul doth magnify the Lord. ⁴⁷ And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. ⁴⁸ Because he hath regarded the humility of His handmaid: for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. ⁴⁹ Because He that is mighty hath done great things to me: and Holy is His name. ⁵⁰ And His mercy is from generation unto generation, to them that fear him. ⁵¹ He hath shewed might in His arm: He hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart. ⁵² He hath put down the mighty from their seat and hath exalted the humble. ⁵³ He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich He hath sent empty away. ⁵⁴ He hath received Israel His servant, being mindful of His mercy. ⁵⁵ As He spoke to our fathers: to Abraham and to his seed for ever.

Raccolta #326

(The faithful who devoutly offer some prayers in honor of the Nativity, Presentation, Annunciation, Visitation, Expectation, Purification or Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at any season of the year, with the intention of continuing these prayers for nine days without interruption, are granted: An indulgence of 5 years once on each day; a plenary indulgence on the usual conditions at the close of the novena (Pius IX, Audience, Jan. 3, 1949; S. C. of Bishops and Regulars, Jan. 28, 1856; S. C. Ind. Nov. 26, 1876; S. P. Ap., Dec. 16, 1935).

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O blessed Virgin, Mother of God, look down in mercy from Heaven, where thou art enthroned as Queen, upon me, a miserable sinner, thine unworthy servant. Although I know full well my own unworthiness, yet in order to atone for the offenses that are done to thee by impious and blasphemous tongues, from the depths of my heart I praise and extol thee as the purest, the fairest, the holiest creature of all God's handiwork. I bless thy holy Name, I praise thine exalted privilege of being truly Mother of God, ever Virgin, conceived without stain of sin, Co-Redemptrix of the human race.

I bless the Eternal Father who chose thee in an especial way for His daughter; I bless the Word Incarnate who took upon Himself our nature in thy bosom and so made thee His Mother; I bless the Holy Spirit who took thee as His bride. All honor, praise and thanksgiving to the ever-blessed Trinity who predestined thee and loved thee so exceedingly from all eternity as to exalt thee above all creatures to the most sublime heights. O Virgin, holy and merciful, obtain for all who offend thee the grace of repentance, and graciously accept this poor act of homage from me thy servant, obtaining likewise for me from thy divine Son and pardon and remission of all my sins. Amen.

Raccolta #331 (The Angelus)

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. *And she conceived of the Holy Ghost. Hail Mary.*

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord,

R. *Be it done unto me according to Thy word. Hail Mary.*

V. And the Word was made flesh,

R. *And dwelt amongst us. Hail Mary.*

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,

R. *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Let us pray: *Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts: that, as we have known the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son by the message of an Angel, so by His Passion and Cross we may be brought to the glory of the Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Raccolta #449 (Honoring St. Gabriel, the Archangel)

O God, who amongst all the Angels didst choose the Archangel Gabriel to announce the mystery of Thine Incarnation; mercifully grant, that we who solemnly keep his feast on earth may feel the benefit of his patronage in Heaven: who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

(The faithful who devoutly recite some prayers in honor of St. Gabriel the Archangel at any season of the year, with the intention of continuing the same for nine successive days, may gain: An indulgence of 5 years, once each day: A plenary indulgence on the usual conditions; at the end of the novena (Pius IX, Audience, Jan. 3 1949; S. C. of Bishops and Religious, Jan. 2, 1850; S. C. Ind., Nov. 26, 1876; S. P. Ap., Jun. 2, 1933)

- *All Scripture is taken from the Douay-Rheims Bible*
- *All Prayers with Indulgences is taken from the Raccolta (Enchiridion Indulgentiarum)*