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The Annunciation of the Lord
Tuesday, March 25, 2025



Today's celebration of the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord recalls the historical event of the Angel Gabriel appearing to the Virgin Mary, as found in Luke 1:26–38. It also celebrates the Church's faith in the underlying reality that took place at that moment in time. It celebrates the Incarnation, making this solemnity not only a Marian solemnity, but first and foremost a Christological one. Though Christmas commemorates the birth of Christ, the Annunciation commemorates the Incarnation within the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Most certainly, this solemnity is also a Marian celebration. We celebrate the Virgin Mary's perfect "Yes" to the plan of the Father. We celebrate her humility, obedience, docility, and

especially her motherhood of God and man.

This solemnity is also a celebration of the Father in Heaven because it reveals the beginning of the pinnacle of His perfect plan of salvation. That moment in time, the moment of the Incarnation, holds significance beyond comprehension. This moment was in the mind of the Father in Heaven

from all eternity and took place in a hidden way, known only to this lowly and humble virgin.

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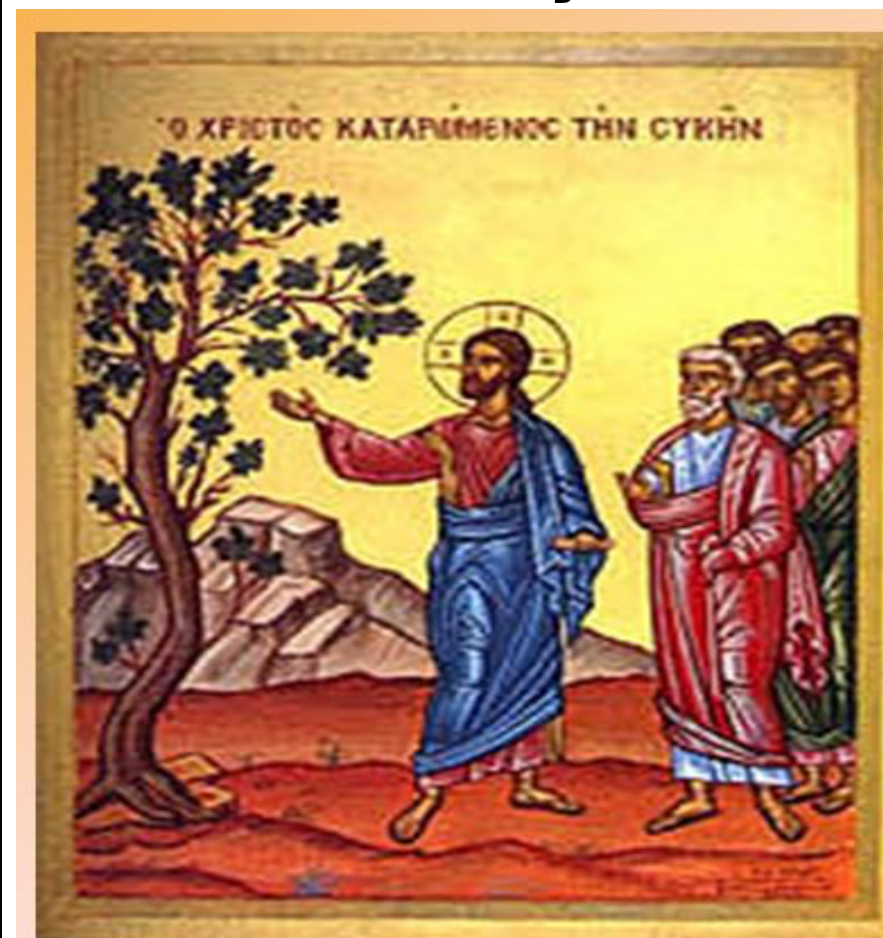
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TO TEACH, TO BUILD, TO SERVE, TO SANCTIFY

184 Midland Avenue, East Orange, New Jersey 07017

Third Sunday in Lent March 23, 2025



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Pastor

Rev. Severine Msigiti
Rev. Xavier Kassase
Priests in Residence

Deacon. Leo Woodruff
Retired Deacon

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Music Director
CELEBRATION of the EUCHARIST:
Saturday Evening: 5:30 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM

Weekdays: 8:00 AM Monday through Saturday in Church

SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION:
Saturday: 4:30 PM – 5:00 PM
EUCHARISTIC

ADORATION: Every First Friday of the month, 8AM-10am in Church

Divine Mercy Chaplet:
Saturday after the 8:00 A.M.

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONSSACRAMENT of BAPTISM:

Baptisms are scheduled on **Sundays** after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Parents must first register at the Parish Center for confirmation of a date. Parents should be registered members of the church prior to making baptism arrangements. A copy of your child's birth certificate must be presented as well as sponsor certificates for the godparents, if they are not members of the parish.

SACRAMENT of MATRIMONY:

Couples planning to marry should make arrangements with the priest **1 year** in advance of the wedding date.

MINISTRY to the SICK and HOMEBOUND:

If you are hospitalized and would like to be visited by your parish priest, please notify the parish directly. If you are sick or homebound and would like to be visited by a priest, deacon or a Eucharistic Minister to bring you Holy Communion, please call the Parish Center.

Parish Membership: We invite new parishioners to register at the Parish Center. If you are moving, or have an address or phone change, please notify the office.

Parish Website: www.hnjeo.org

Rectory and Parish Office Phone: 973-675-4444

E-mail: info@hnjeo.org

Social Services: 1-800-227-7413

Saturday , March 22, 2025

5:30 PM Ginina Tam

By Galanido Family

Second Sunday in Lent, March 23, 2025

9:00 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM Tom & Nancy Abendschoen Birthday Blessings

By Love from the Family

Monday, March 24, 2025

8:00 AM Luna Fe Diaz Birthday Blessings

By Emeterio & Angelito Diaz

The Annunciation of the Lord

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

8:00 AM For our Archdiocese

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

8:00 AM Herminio & Josephina Lorenzo Memorial

By Andaya Family

Thursday , March 27, 2025

8:00 AM Barbara McGawan

By DeSmet Family Birthday Blessings

Friday, March 28, 2025

8:00 AM Joseph Entena

By Mayet Entena

Saturday , March 29, 2025

8:00 AM Joyce delaCruz Birthday Blessings

By Villanos Family

Gospel Mediation

Now into the third week of the Season of Lent, our Sunday Gospel prepares us to hear Lent's call to conversion and repentance. Today's reading is found in the chapters of Luke's Gospel that describe Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. During this journey, Jesus teaches and heals. He must also respond to those who question and challenge his authority and actions. There is no parallel in Mark's or Matthew's Gospels for today's reading from Luke. While Mark and Matthew describe an incident in which Jesus curses the fig tree, today's reading makes the barren fig tree the subject of a parable.

Luke tells us that some among the crowds report to Jesus a massacre of Galileans by Pilate. The intention of the crowd seems to be to ask Jesus to explain why these people suffered. It was commonplace to render people's suffering as evidence of their sinfulness. Jesus challenges this interpretation. Those who were massacred were no more or less sinful than the ones who report the situation to Jesus. Jesus replies that even a fatal accident, a natural disaster, ought not to be interpreted as punishment for sin.

Jesus' words at first appear to have a fire-and-brimstone quality. Jesus says in essence, "Repent or perish as these people did; all are sinful before God and deserving of God's punishment." The tone changes, however, in the parable that follows. The parable of the barren fig tree contrasts the patience and hopefulness of the gardener with the practicality of the property owner. When told to cut down the fig tree because it is not producing fruit, the gardener counsels patience. If properly tended, the barren fig tree may yet bear fruit.

Throughout his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus has been teaching about the Kingdom of God. In this parable, we find an image of God's patience and hopefulness as he prepares his Kingdom. God calls us to repent, and it is within his power to punish us for our failure to turn from our sinfulness. And yet God is merciful. He delays punishment and tends to us so that we may yet bear the fruit he desires from us.

This, then, is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us, he chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of his efforts. Next week's Gospel will give an even clearer picture of the kind of mercy that God shows to us.

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