



**St. Michael the Archangel
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ANNOUNCEMENT TO MARY



THE MOTHER OF LIGHT (Lk 1: 26-38)

The second Sunday of the Season of Annunciation commemorates the announcement to Mary that she is to be the Mother of God. The feast actually recalls two aspects of the same salvific mystery: the incarnation of the divine Word and the motherhood of Mary. With time, the incarnation of the Son of God was stressed on the feast of the Birth of our Lord and today's feast became a Marian feast.

In addition to this second Sunday of the Season of Annunciation, the Maronite Church celebrates the Annunciation on March 25th as it appeared in Italy during the fifth century, and was eventually adopted by the Maronite Church.

The great announcement to Mary, the fulfillment of the promises of the prophets, took place in the humble home of Mary in Nazareth. At the time, Mary was probably between fourteen and sixteen. Again it was Gabriel, the messenger of the end times, who brought the wonderful message to the young girl.

In many ways, the announcement to Mary can be compared to the announcement to Zechariah. Both apparitions took place during the day and both Zechariah and Mary were to be found at prayer. Mary, the Queen, is speaking with her Lord in her own home. It was necessary for Zechariah to go to the Temple and encounter the Lord in the holy of holies. When the angel appeared to Zechariah, he was described as "Standing." During the announcement to Mary, the angel greets her with signs of respect, gives her the good news and departs. He is not described as "standing". The angel himself praises Mary, "You have found favor with God."

In the name of all of humanity, Mary consented to be the instrument through which salvation was to be brought into the world. One recalls Eve, who consented to bring darkness and sin into the world. With Mary, the New Eve, salvation history is at a turning point. She is to be the "Mother of the Light."

CLERGY

Fr. Paul Damien, Pastor

**Fr. Jack Morrison
(retired)**

PARISH OFFICE

HOURS:

**Tuesday, Thursday,
Friday**

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

LITURGY / MASS :

Tues - Fri: 9:00 am

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 10:30 AM

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PRAYER CHAIN

Please contact Lucy Zahran or call church office to **join the prayer chain** or with **prayer requests**

“ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE VIRGIN MARY”

Saturday Nov. 25- 5:00 PM: for Philip Thornton intentions by Philip & Emma Montaldo

Sunday Nov. 26- 10:30 AM: Gertrude & James Zahran (1) by Marie Reale– Catalana

Tuesday	Nov 28	9:00 am	St. Stephen the younger (M)	For healing of Josh Philips by the Ladies guild
Wednesday	Nov 29	9:00 am	Sts. Saturninus & Sisinius (M)	For Kim Ngan Nguyen intentions by Thanh & Han Vo
Thursday	Nov 30	9:00 am	St. Andrew ,Apostle	(RIP) Charles Phelan by Marie Reale
Friday	Dec 1	9:00 am	Nahum the prophet	(RIP) Charles Phelan by Lucy Zahran

“VISITATION OF THE VIRGIN TO ELIZABETH ”

Saturday Dec 2 - 5:00 PM: for Rocco Lupo by Christian & Kelly Lupo

Sunday Dec 3 - 10:30 AM: for Lu Mullin intentions (church organist) by Fr. Paul Damien

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sign up today, at the church entrance for a Holy Hour!



Every Thursday
9:30 am - 2:00pm
Rosary for Peace @ 9:30 am

CATHOLIC SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Place your donation of Peanut butter & jelly in the basket next to the Confessional.

Oct. Donations :
197 lbs.

READERS

11/25	Rick Criste	11/26	Wayne Nesbitt
12/2	Lynn Vaughan	12/3	Marie Catalana
12/9	Kathy Criminger	12/10	Stacie Ferry
12/16	Christian Lupo	12/17	Jason Byrne !!!

SCRIPTURE

Announcement to the Virgin Mary
Gal 3: 15-22/ Lk 1: 26-38

Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth
Eph 1: 1-14/ Lk 1: 39-45

The Birth of John The Baptist
Gal 4: 21-5: 1/ Lk 10: 57-66



To be listed as Reader, please text **Kim Phelan @ 352-317-8529** or email **consecrated2021@gmail.com** or the church office

GIFTS OF THANKSGIVING

Offer the Incense, Candles and Wine for one month in memory/honor of someone for a \$25 donation.

November
In Thanksgiving

By Ingrid Franklin and Family

Thank You



Collections	\$	1100.00
KOC - Thanksgiving cards	\$	980.00
Restricted donation	\$	2000.00
Christmas Poinsettias	\$	290.00
Donations to MYO retreat	\$	222.00
Ladies Guild	\$	100.00

2nd Collection Reminder

December 25, 2023 (Christmas)- Pastor's Collection
(This 2nd collection is a Christmas gift for the Pastor's personal use. (this year it will go to help needy people)



****2024 weekly envelopes box set are ready for pickup.** In case you do not have a box let us know please. (we have extras)**

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS



The Christmas Flower Donation envelopes are now available. Flowers could be in memory of deceased loved ones, or in honor of a loved one, or even in thanksgiving for special graces.

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Premade Rosaries, as well as a complete list of all available styles, are in the social hall by the Ladies Guild gift counter!

All proceeds benefit the Parish!



We need volunteers to clean the church on a weekly basis.

ONLINE GIVING



VOCATION CHALICE

11/25:
11/26:
12/2
12/3

Volunteer
Ingrid Franklin
Volunteer
Ray Miller



If your family would like to volunteer to pray for Vocations to Religious Life, please text or email Kimberly P. @ (352)317-8529 or consecrated2021@gmail.com

THANKSGIVING FOOD CARDS:



A big Thank You from the KOC for all those who donated for the Thanksgiving Gift Cards. The total amount raised was **\$ 980** The Cards are distributed among

the needy in the Parish, to Catholic Charities, and to Operation INASMUCH. Next fundraiser for the poor will happen during Lent. For more info please contact Chris Cooper (910-850-4841)

FROM THE LADIES GUILD



- If you would like to contribute to baking cookies for our cookie sale please use this link: <https://signup.com/go/xmyJRXW>
- If you would like to PURCHASE trays of cookies, use this link to PRE-ORDER. All sales are pre-order. They are excellent gifts and **\$15** which is due at pick-up. Use this link: <https://signup.com/go/TxQdQGz>



- Please do not read the bulletin in the church.

-No walking back and forth during Scripture & Gospel Readings, during the Consecration & Invocation of the Holy Spirit. Wait at the entrance until done then go back to your seat.

- crossing of legs is not allowed . This is not a prayerful position. Seated, standing and kneeling are the prayer positions.

- the Sign of Peace is not a kiss on the mouth . It comes from the Altar and is shared by closed hands among people. The kiss of Peace given on the cheeks is not recommended in our tradition.



We need to set a good example for our children and our guests. Thank You.

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within the Parish." AD BY: MJ

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