

Thoughts by Father Jonathan Davis

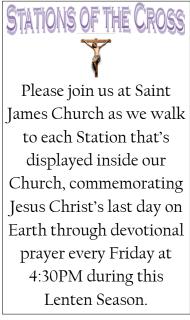
This week on Wednesday, March 25, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation. March 25th is 9 months before the birth of Christ. On this day we remember how St. Gabriel the Archangel was sent by God to announce to Mary that she would conceive by the power of the Holy Spirit and give birth to the Incarnate Word, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. By the Incarnation we honor the central mystery of our faith by which the Eternal Word of God took on human flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary. Through this mystery, man was able to look upon the face of God. Through the Incarnation, Christ received a human nature without any change to His divine nature. This is an awesome mystery that we should honor and love. On March 25th 2,000 years ago God came to this earth and Mary's womb became His first tabernacle. By the Incarnation, God was able to receive on His human flesh, the weight of our sins. He redeemed us by His Precious Blood through His Death on Good Friday and by Resurrection on Easter Sunday. He has elevated our human nature through his Ascension into heaven by which He raised our human nature to the heights of heavenly glory. All of this is thanks to Mary's free choice in saying yes to God when the Heavenly messenger came to her to announce God's plan for our Redemption. By Mary's *fiat* in saying "may it be done unto me according to thy word", she became the Mother of the Redeemer and Mother of our God. By her yes Jesus came to this earth. Let us thank Mary and ask her to help us to always say to yes to

"Let us imitate Mary, who accepted the Word of God with faith, and allowed it to take root in her

Message from Father Davis: Between March 25th and April 6th I will be on a pilgrimage in Italy. I will keep all of you in my prayers, and I ask for your prayers for me and the other pilgrims on the trip. I look forward to seeing all of you again when I return. I can still be reached through my email which is fridavis@saintjamescatholic.church The emergency line will still function and I will have access to my voicemail as well. May God bless all of you!

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.



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Salvation!

WEDNESDAYS: 10AM in the Casper Erk Room of Saint James parish center. FRIDAYS: 3PM in the Carden Room of Saint Patrick (Church basement).