

# Daily Message from Msgr. Dennis...

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Dear Parishioners and Friends ~

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Annunciation with great solemnity. Lent is suspended today, the Gloria and Creed are recited at Mass, the vestments worn are white. We look to this pivotal moment in human history and give thanks and praise to God for the great act of faith on the part of Mary to say "yes" to the angel Gabriel's message that God had selected her to be the Mother of the Christ. With a tremendous leap of faith into an unknown future Mary brought salvation to the world. What would it have been life if she had demurred? God asks us to allow Him into our lives every moment of every day. Is our faith as strong as that Mary's to say "yes" to God despite the unknown future? When we say "yes" to God in our lives we bring that same hope to the world that Mary brought forth in Christ. It's hard, but it's necessary. "Yes, Lord. Be it done to me according to your word."

Did you know that The Annunciation is also recorded in the Quran and that Muslims have a great devotion to and reverence for Mary? In Lebanon this day is a National Feast Day when Christians and Muslims come together to pray for God's grace of peace in their lives.

Pope Francis has asked all Christians to join him today at 12:00 noon, wherever we are, to pause and pray one "Our Father" for and end to the COVID-19 pandemic. As Christians let us do that in solidarity with him and with believers around the world, and as faithful Catholics why stop with one "Our Father?" Why not say an entire Rosary on this beautiful Feast of the Blessed Mother to ask her intercession on our behalf? Praised Be Jesus Christ!

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