

# March 25th: Annunciation

**Gospel text (Lk 1,26-38):** The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you."



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Today is exactly 9 months left for Christmas. Today, Mary speaks with the Archangel Gabriel and by giving her "yes" to God, she becomes pregnant of Jesus, the eternal Son of God. "Behold, I am the handmaid of THE LORD JEHOVAH; Let it be done to me according to your word": a brief and effective response!

"The Virgin always responds well and quickly. That is not easy ..., especially if one does not pray!