

**LORD,  
WHOSE LIFE IN  
HUMBLE SERVICE**

A Women's Retreat  
*Sponsored by  
the Legion of Mary*

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# Mary in the Scriptures

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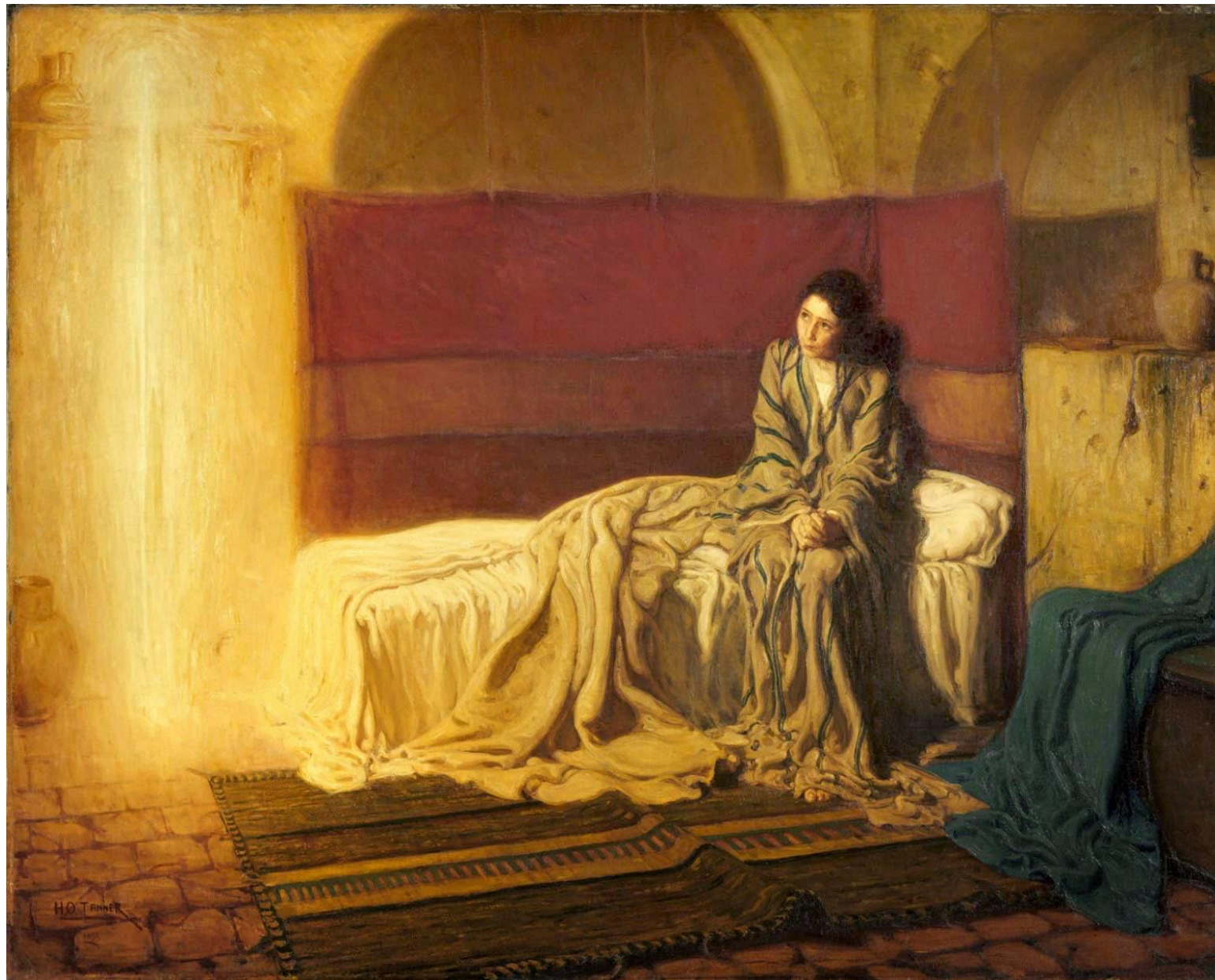
- Annunciation
- Visitation
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- The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
- Finding Jesus in the Temple
- Marriage Feast at Cana
- Christ's suffering and death on a Cross

# *The Annunciation*

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A simple conversation  
that changed the course  
of history and salvation.

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*Hail favored one,  
the Lord is with you!*

Lk. 1:28

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*Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.*

*Lk. 1: 30-31*

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*Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.  
May it be done to me  
according to your word.*

*Lk. 1:38*



Mary's response gives  
us a true insight into the  
importance of "yes"

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# Mary, Model of Faithfulness

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A faithful daughter of Israel, she prayed throughout her youth for the coming of the Messiah!

Mary never said, “I am not worthy” because she understood that God calls everyone into His Will.

Mary’s “yes” was the answer to God’s call.

Mary’s “yes” allows us to enter into Mary’s faith as model of discipleship.

# Mary, a Model of Anticipation and Hope

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She was waiting for God to reveal the truth and restore both her reputation and her relationship with Joseph.

She was waiting, like all expectant mothers, for the birth of her Child and the chance to finally hold him in her arms.

She was waiting to discover God's plan for her and for her family.

She was waiting, along with the People of God, for the Savior to come and redeem them.

She waited at the foot of the cross to the very end.

# Mary, a Model of Trust in God's Will

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Mary's humility speaks volumes of her faith in God.

Mary's strength in saying "yes" displays her trust in God.

Mary's discernment "how could this be?" reveals her thirst to know God.

In the Annunciation, Mary models a healthy prayer life to us.

# Mary, a Model of Generosity and Service

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There are two prominent scriptures where we witness this:

1) THE VISITATION: Mary visits her pregnant cousin Elizabeth. The angel Gabriel never told her to go, she simply jumped into action!

2) WEDDING AT CANA: Mary saw the need for more wine for the wedding guests. Again, out of generosity and service, she springs into action.

# Mary, Model of Love and Devotion

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Mary was as a devoted spouse

A devoted mother

She was devoted in prayer

She was devoted to family

She was devoted to her mission



# Reflection Questions

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**MODEL OF FAITHFULNESS:** *How can we find ways to model ourselves like Mary in our faithfulness to our family and ministry?*

**MODEL OF ANTICIPATION AND HOPE:** *When was the last time you waited and hoped for something?*

**MODEL OF TRUST:** *Can you recall a time in your life when you experienced God's plan for you was better than what you had planned for yourself?*

**MODEL OF GENEROSITY AND SERVICE:** *How have you shown generosity and service in your ministry?*

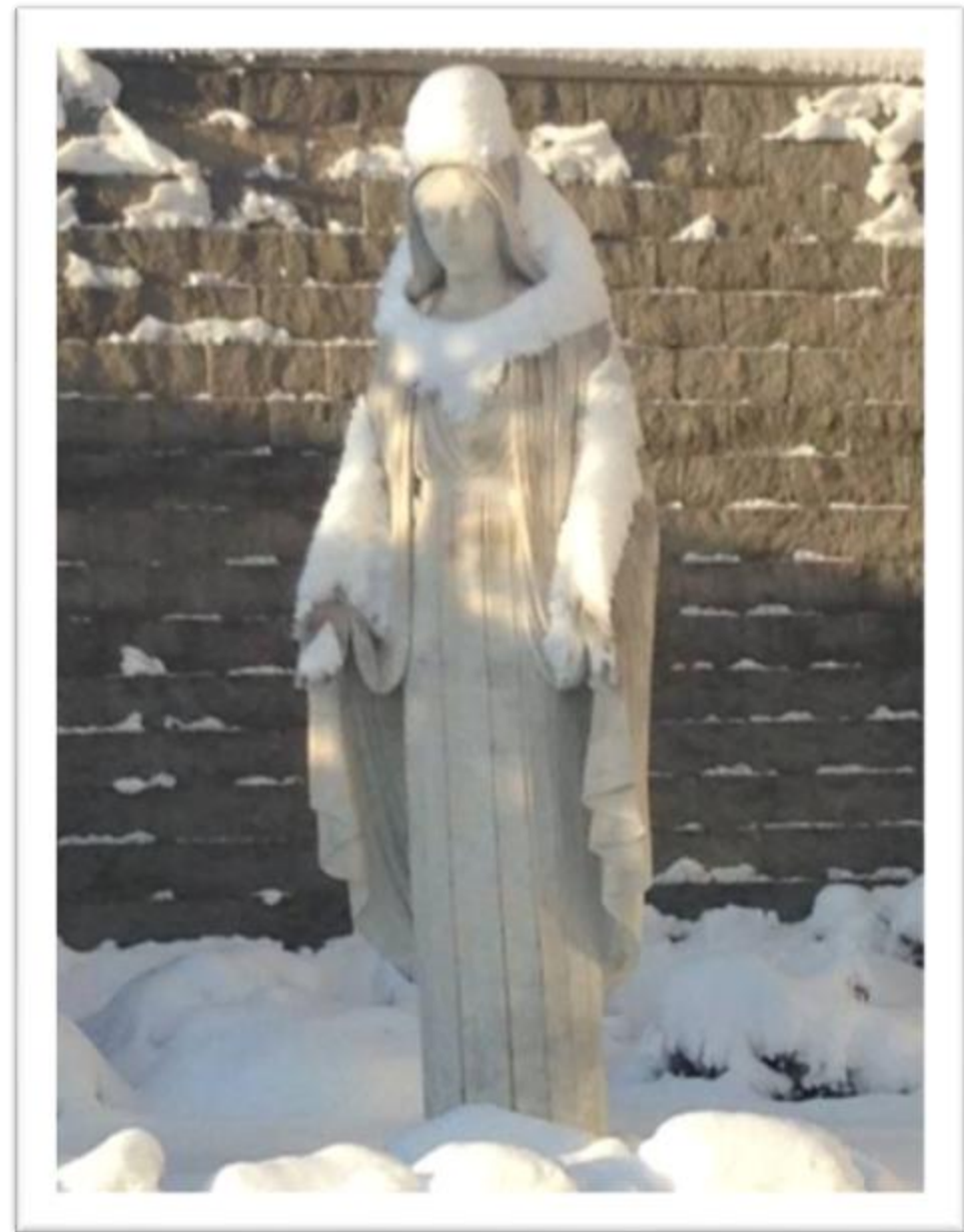
**MODEL OF LOVE AND DEVOTION:** *It is in giving that we receive. What blessings have you received as liturgical ministers?*

# MARY

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WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE IMAGE OF MARY AND WHY?

HOW HAS YOUR IMAGE OF MARY CHANGED OVER THE YEARS?





Holy is His Name – John Michael Talbot