

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Annunciation Catholic Church

Bogalusa, Louisiana

December 20, 2020

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 19th 4:00 PM
Mickey Paduda, EJ and Dody Champagne, John Underwood, Lawrence Wille, David Arceneaux, Gilly Charbonnet, Welfare of Bobby Farington, Robert Shaquille Pierce, Welfare of Brittany Lott, Clamey Blazio, Welfare of Marty Paige, Joe Krebs

Sunday, December 20th 8:30 AM
Earl Hughes, Betty Scroggs, Irma Lee Ratcliff, Edward Ratcliff, Lawrence Wille, Sarah Parker, Newell Bush, Nettie Rojas, Kathleen Shirer, Robert Shaquille Pierce
Joe Krebs, Linda Haaga
10:30 AM
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Tuesday, December 22nd 8:00 AM
Lawrence Wille

Wednesday, December 23rd 8:00AM
Lawrence Wille
Linda Haaga

Thursday, December 24th 3:00 PM
Christmas Eve
Lawrence Wille, Robert Shaquille Pierce

Christmas Eve 6:00 PM
Gilley Charbonnet, Hector Chighizole-Birthday, Allen and Elmere Leblanc, Welfare of Stephanie Reeb

Friday, December 25^h 8:00AM
Christmas Day
Lawrence Wille, Capo Family, Irma Lee Callender, David Arceneaux, Walster Chastant, Bill, Mary and Andy Stewart, Mary Haaga, Linda Haaga

Saturday, December 26th 4:00PM
Mickey Paduda, EJ and Dody Champagne, John Underwood, Lawrence Wille, David Arceneaux, Gilly Charbonnet, Sarah Parker, Welfare of Tabettha Ezell, Welfare of Jerri Stewart, Robert Shaquille Pierce, Welfare of Marty Paige, Kathlee Shirer, Bennie Saltaformaggio

Sunday, December 27th 8:30AM
Earl Hughes, Betty Scroggs, Irma Lee Callender, Bobby Bush, Lawrence Wile, Edward Ratcliff, Newell Bush, Gilley Charbonnet, Maggie Seal, Welfare of Karen McGhee, Robert Shaquille Pierce, Linda Haaga, Lynn Pigott

10:30AM

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Sanctuary Lamp
Our Sanctuary Lamp burns
for the Repose of the Soul
of:
Lynn Pigott

Last Week's Collection December 12 & 13' 2020

Loose-Checks & Cash

\$1,692.00

Envelopes

\$1,858.00

Total:

\$3,510.00

Funds needed to operate:

\$6,299.00

Amount under weekly budget

\$2,789,00

Retirement Fund for

Religious \$ 836.00

**Thank You for Your
Generosity!!!**

Why was Zechariah punished for asking Gabriel a question, but Mary was not?

In the first chapter of Luke's Gospel, the angel Gabriel makes startling announcements to two people. First he tells Zechariah that his seemingly infertile wife Elizabeth was going to bear a child. Then Gabriel appears to Mary and informs her that she will be the mother of the Messiah. Zechariah responds, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." And for that he was struck mute. Mary asked, "How shall this be, for I know not man?" and got an explanation. So why does Mary receive different treatment for such a similar question?

The key is that while their two replies sounded similar, they were very different in character.

Zechariah's question was motivated by disbelief. He was just told something incredible by an angel and wanted to know how he was supposed to know the revelation was true. Shouldn't it have been enough that an angel told him? In essence, he was calling the angel's honesty into question.

Mary's question is an odd one when you think about it. Consider that in her cultural context she was a young, newly married woman. Why would she be confused by the revelation that she would soon have a son? That's a very ordinary thing to happen to a young married woman. According to the early Church Fathers, this question reflects the unique nature of Mary's relationship with Joseph. She was not intending a normal marriage, but one in which she would continue to live out a vow of virginity under Joseph's protection. To return to the point of the question, Mary's query expressed no disbelief in what the angel had said, but understandable curiosity at how it would be accomplished given her unique situation. Unlike Zechariah, she expressed no skepticism. Mary's question possess any disbelief at God's hand working in her life. May we too, possess that same faith when it comes to resigning ourselves to God's will in our very own lives.

- Fr. Bru

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