



Daily Mass Readings Wednesday, March 25th, 2020

Readings: IS 7:10-14; 8:10

HEB 10:4-10

Gospel: LK 1:26-38

Reflections from Father Blessing

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

I truly believe that this feast day is a direct result of Mary's personal prayer asking God, "What is your 'Will' for me?" I imagine her pondering that question for a long period of time prior to the angel Gabriel's visit. When God's plan was revealed, it must have resonated with her and been consistent with what she was receiving in her private prayer. Hence she was immediately able to respond, "May it be done to me according to your word."

How many of us ask God for guidance without taking the time to hear his voice? In John's gospel Jesus states "the sheep that belong to him hear his voice." There are after all lots of voices out there. If an angel did visit how would we know he was of God?

A caution that I would have for all of us is not to overestimate or underestimate the plan God has for us. We can either think that we don't matter or that we matter too much. Mary had a significant role in God's plan, but so do you. I imagine Mary in all humility recognizing that fact. Elizabeth and the disciples found her comforting because she didn't diminish God's plan in their lives. As we ponder Mary today, may it inspire us to reflect on our own answer of 'Yes' and to see how others are responding likewise.

