



## Our Lady of the Rosary Roman Catholic Church

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## March 25, 2023 Annunciation BVM

### *Mass Intention*

Pro Populo

Father is current accepting Mass intentions for March. Customary offering is \$25 per Mass.

### *Resolutions of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Virgin*

St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Virgin attained great sanctity in just a few short years because of his fervent efforts to surrender himself completely to God. One can see how whole-hearted was his striving for holiness in his personal resolutions, some of which are reproduced here:

1. Not to say a word that might gain me praise or increase my reputation. To cut short immediately vain and idle thoughts, proud and haughty thoughts.
2. Not to feel pleased when praised, but rather to humble myself as unworthy of it.
3. To rejoice at the good which comes to others. When I feel displeased or envious about it, to note it as a fault.
4. Not to act through human respect, nor to be seen, nor for my own utility, interest or pleasure — but for God alone.
5. Not to excuse myself when blamed or corrected, nor even resent it interiorly, much less to put the blame on others, whether openly or in my own mind.
6. I should be willing to put up with any inconvenience gladly.
7. To consider everyone better than myself, not only in theory but in practice, treating all with reverence and humility as my superiors.
8. To accept patiently, promptly, gladly every opportunity to practice humility.
9. To practice some act of humility morning and evening, and to increase continually the number of such acts.

10. I will close my heart against disquiet of any kind.

11. Not to complain or to speak of anyone's faults, even though obvious; not to display lack of respect for anyone, present or absent; to speak well of all.

12. Not to speak roughly or impatiently or in such a way as to cause offense; not to oppose or contradict anyone.

13. To practice kindness and charity and to do so effectively by help and service. To assist my companions as far as possible with friendly words and manner — but at the same time to have no particular friendships and thus to hurt none.

14. I will give to God the best that I have — the entire affection of my heart.

15. Not to misjudge anyone, but instead to try to excuse their faults and failing both to myself and others, fostering and showing a good opinion of all.

16. I will try to reproduce in myself whatever I see edifying and virtuous in the conduct of others.

17. I will fulfill exactly my daily duties, mortifying myself in all that would prove an obstacle to perfect obedience.

18. I will suppress immediately all emotions of impetuosity and all affections that might cloud my mind, even slightly.

19. To mortify myself on all occasions that occur without my looking for them, trying to bear patiently with them and thus profiting by them.

20. To mortify my eyes and my tongue; not to ask questions out of curiosity; not to converse about purely worldly matters.

21. I will check my desire to talk; to increase daily the number of such acts.

22. I shall mortify myself in ordinary, everyday things, such as eating, reading, study, walks, recreations or whatever I feel inclined to do, first checking my appetites and my will, then saying with all my heart:

"Lord, I do this not to please myself but because it is Thy will."

23. Not to eat with avidity, but rather with reserve and with modesty, subjecting my appetite to reason.

24. Not to eat outside mealtime; to be content with my portion, and not to complain in thought or word.

25. "Faithfulness in little things" is the motto I will always follow in my efforts to reach holiness.

### *Annunciation BVM*

The Most Blessed Virgin was engaged in prayer, in the silence of the night, with humility and fervent desires, when the Angel announced to her the great wonder of her Divine maternity. But he awaited her concurrence, "because," says St. Thomas, "she represented the whole human race to whom God, in honor, left the merit of concurring freely in the work of salvation." "My soul, be filled with confusion in seeing how God forms an alliance with thee through Mary. Thou must understand that that which is done for thee cannot save thee without thine own consent, since He seeks to know Mary's will and awaits her consent" (St. Catherine of Sienna) Scarcely has the Blessed Virgin said her "Fiat" than Heaven descends to earth and men become capable of attaining Heaven—a moment unique in the world's history, which repairs forty centuries of misfortunes and prepares countless centuries of grace and glory. It is, therefore, not without good reason that in the Order of St. Dominic, when the Martyrology announcing this feast is read in choir, all the religious are required to be present and to prostrate on the ground, to tender thanks to the great mercy of God, Who alone can work such miracles. Several religious Orders are consecrated to honor this mystery, especially the Annoncides, found St. Jane of Valois.

## ***Passiontide***

In listening to what the Church now speaks to us, we cannot but tremble as we recall to mind those other words of the same apostle: How much more, think ye, doth he deserve worse punishment, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath esteemed the Blood of the testament unclean, (as though it were some vile thing), by which he was sanctified, and hath offered an affront to the Spirit of grace? For we know Him that hath said: "Vengeance belongeth to Me, and I will repay." And again: "The Lord shall judge His people." It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. Fearful indeed it is! What a lesson God gives us of His inexorable justice, during these days of the Passion! He that spared not even his own Son, His beloved Son, in whom He is well pleased, will He spare us, if, after all the graces He has bestowed upon us, He should find us in sin, which He so unpitifully chastised even in Jesus, when He took it upon Himself, that He might atone for it? Considerations such as these – the justice of God towards the most innocent and august of victims, and the punishments that befell the impenitent Jews – must surely destroy within us every affection to sin, for they will create within us that salutary fear which is the solid foundation of firm hope and tender love. For if, by our sins, we have made ourselves guilty of the death of the Son of God, it is equally true that the Blood which flowed from His sacred wounds has the power to cleanse us from the guilt of our crime. The justice of our heavenly Father cannot be appeased, save by the shedding of this precious Blood; and the mercy of this same Father wills that it be spent for our ransom. The cruelty of Jesus' executioners has made five wounds in His sacred Body; and from these, there flow five sources of salvation, which purify the world, and restore within each one of us the image of God which sin had destroyed. Let us, then approach with confidence to this redeeming Blood, which throws open to the sinner the gates of heaven, and whose worth is such that it could redeem a million worlds, were they even more guilty than ours. Let us go, then, and draw from the Saviour's fountains, our souls will come forth full of life, all pure, and dazzling with heavenly beauty; not one spot of their old defilements will be left; and the Father will love us with the love wherewith He loves His own Son. Why did He deliver up

unto death this His tenderly beloved Son? Was it not that He might regain us, the children whom He had lost? We had become, by our sins, the possession of satan; hell had undoubted claims upon us; and, we have been suddenly snatched from both, and all our primitive rights have been restored to us. Yet God used no violence in order to deliver us from our enemy; how comes it, then, that we are now free? Listen to the apostle: "Ye are bought at a great price." And what is this price? The prince of apostles explains it: "Know ye, says he, "that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as gold or silver, but with the precious Blood of Christ as of a Lamb unspotted and undefiled." The divine Blood was placed in the scales of God's justice, and so far did it outweigh our iniquities, as to make the bias in our favour. The power of this Blood has broken the vary gates of hell, severed our chains, and made peace both as to the things on earth, and the things that are in heaven.

### ***Wisdom of the Saints***

Many are needed to plant and water what has been planted now that the faith has spread so far and there are so many people.... No matter who plants or waters, God gives no harvest unless what is planted is the faith of Peter and unless he agrees to his teachings. - St. Thomas a Becket

We often say that we are nothing. But we would be very sorry if anyone would take us at our word. We pretend to retire and hide ourselves, so that the world may run after us and seek us out. True humility does not make a show of herself or use many humble words, for she desires not only to conceal all other virtues, but most of all to conceal herself. - St. Francis de Sales

### ***Prayer to Our Lady of Reparation***

Immaculate Virgin, the refuge of sinners, thou who, to repair the outrages committed against God, and evil inflicted on man by sin, didst resign thyself to the death of thy divine Son, be ever propitious to us, and carry on thy work of zeal and love for us in heaven, where thou reignest so gloriously. We wish to be thy children, do thou show thyself a Mother to us; obtain from the Divine Restorer, Jesus, that by applying to our souls the fruits of His passion and death He may free us from the bonds of our iniquities. May He be our light in the darkness, our strength in

weakness, our help in danger, so that after He has consoled us by His grace and love in time, He may permit us to see, possess, and love Him in eternity. Amen. (200 days, once a day)

### ***Prayer for Parish Priests***

Almighty and merciful God, who didst bestow upon the blessed Cure of Ars wonderful pastoral zeal and great fervor for prayer and penance, grant, we beseech Thee, that by his example and intercession, our parish priests may be able to gain the souls of their brethren for Christ, and with them attain to everlasting glory. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

### ***Announcements***

Please join us for the Rosary. Sundays at 9 AM on Discord.

<https://discord.gg/K42TYCr>

If you are not receiving the mission newsletter, please contact Christy Hilliard, [cahilliard7@gmail.com](mailto:cahilliard7@gmail.com).

### ***Prayer List***

Please remember the following intentions:

Donna Perry, Michael Spann, Kathleen Weidner, Dennis Smith, Theresa Fishman, Father Trough, Success of the Mission

### ***Upcoming***

**Mar 26: Passion Sunday**

**Apr 02: Palm Sunday**

**Apr 09: EASTER SUNDAY**

**Apr 15: Mass, 10 AM**

**Apr 29: Mass, 10 AM**

Please visit our website, [olrtcc.org](http://olrtcc.org), for the most current schedule.

### ***Collections***

Last Mass: \$694

Year-to-Date: \$5,281

#### ***Dress Code***

**Welcome! Out of respect for the True Presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and for the edification of our neighbor, we kindly request that all who come to our parish observe the basic traditional Catholic standards of dress for church attendance:**

**-Women and girls must cover their heads.  
-Women and girls must wear dresses or skirts that cover the knee completely when standing or sitting. Slacks, shorts, sleeveless, tight or low-cut clothing, and dresses or skirts with long slits above the knees are not permitted.**

**-It is recommended for men and boys to wear suit coats and ties for Sunday Mass. Jeans and other casual attire are inappropriate for attendance at church.**