

# SAINT *of the* WEEK

## Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

*First century*

**March 25**



This solemnity recalls the announcement to Mary by the angel Gabriel that she has found favor with God and will bear the Son of God. Their exchange is found in Luke chapter 1, verses 26-38. When Mary asks how this is to happen, the angel tells her the Holy Spirit will come upon her and cites the unexpected pregnancy of her cousin, Elizabeth, in her old age, as a sign that nothing will be impossible for God.

This major feast, exactly nine months before Christmas, was celebrated liturgically in the East by the fifth century and in the West by the seventh century.

