

The Feast
of the
Annunciation
of the LORD

The date of this celebration is interesting. It is set nine months before Christmas, but

most likely, the date of Christmas was set nine months after the Annunciation. Many early Christians believed that Jesus' death occurred on March 25, and, therefore, His Incarnation must have also taken place on this day. Interestingly, as early as the third century, it has been suggested that March 25 was also the date of the creation of Adam, the fall of Adam, the fall of the angels, the sacrifice of Isaac by Abraham, and the passing of the Israelites through the Red Sea.

Today's celebration of the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord recalls the historical event of the Angel Gabriel appearing to the Virgin Mary, as found in Luke 1:26-38. It also celebrates the Church's faith in the underlying reality that took place at that moment in time. It celebrates the Incarnation, making this solemnity not only a Marian solemnity, but first and foremost a Christological one. Though Christmas commemorates the birth of Christ, the Annunciation commemorates the Incarnation within the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

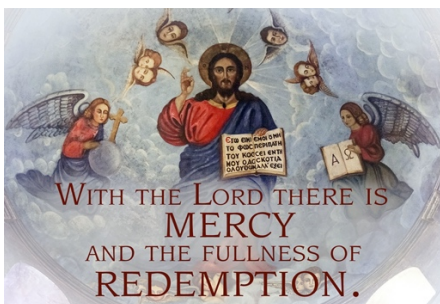
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The next **Life Night** for all 8th – 12th graders will be **TODAY**, March 26th, from **5:00 pm – 7:00 pm** in the **SJA Hall**. Teens are invited to bring their friends!

The next **Confirmation Class** will be **THIS Monday, March 27th**, from **6:00 pm – 8:00 pm** in the **SJA Hall**.

The next **First Saturday Mass** will be held this **UPCOMING Saturday, April 1st**, at **OLPH** starting @ **9:00 am!**

Prayer List – The prayer list is **changing** all the time. If you have a minute, will you look it over and **pray**. If you see someone on their that you know **should be taken off**, then please call **979-548-2020** to let us know!



= = Stations of the Cross = =

The location will switch between churches each week



Mar. 31st at **OLPH** – 6:00 pm (English)
6:30 pm (Spanish)

Apr. 7th – 3:30 pm (English) at **SJA**
6:00 pm (Spanish) at **OLPH**



Mass
Intentions

Saturday, March 25

5:00pm SJA † Robert Goodrum, Sr.

Sunday, March 26

8:30am OLPH † Valerie White
10:30am SJA Parish Family
12:30pm OLPH Intentions for Family Movement

Monday, March 27

No Mass

Tuesday, March 28

5:00pm SJA † Margorie Terro

Wednesday, March 29

8:30am OLPH † Private Jeffries

Adoration following mass

Thursday, March 30

8:30am SJA † Frank Matussek

Adoration following mass

Friday, March 31

8:30am OLPH † Antonia Balderrama

Saturday, April 1

5:00pm SJA † Arnold & Tillie Svoboda

Sunday, April 2

8:30am OLPH † Valerie White
10:30am SJA † Casimere Davalos
12:30pm OLPH Parish Family



PRAYER
REQUESTS

Julia Foote, Maria Rosas, Christine Goodrum, Julia Goodrum, Lillian Rae Saldivar, Maria Cecilia Espina, Gary Evans, Shae Jenkins, Christy Hanson, Ed Waligura, Sarah Gilbert, Martin Puente, Johnny Ray Liserio, Jr., Charles Wells, Sam Hollis, Bessie Highsmith, Kathy Howard, Denise Carreon, Sydney Horak, Luis Pizarro, Rosie Vargas, Groze Family, Alice Martinez, Estella Martinez, George & Matthew Svoboda, Mark Bertsch, Theresa Garrett, India Mosely-Simpson, Lori Duran, Wayne Vinson, Dru Vinson, Willie Butler, Maria Garcia, Naomi Smith, Carrie Liserio, SC Hutze, Dale Hudson, Brittney Billings, Estella Ellis, Brylie Stowers, Cindy Delgado, Ann Polka, R. J. Perez, Alainah Perez, Eric Hatz, Granny Matejka, Viviana Salazar, Lucy Laker, Luis Covarrubias, Debra McCormac, Sofia Patino, Chrisitan Robles, Michael Rivera, Judy Bernard, Genevieve Buenger, Frances Gonzalez, Linda Miska, Fatima Perez, George Gracia, Juan Martinez, Theresa Siska, Beth McQueen, Wayne Schmidt, Ed Klaiber, Emma Smith, Lucy Casarez, JeanMaire Pempek, Diana Berlanga, Ricardo Rodriguez, Dorothy Havel, Sarah Beth Strother, Lori Comley, Janie Ordonez, Eriverto Garcia, Marissa Miska, Myra Houston, Juanita Griffith, Yolanda Guerrero, Esther Martinez, John Garza, Sr., Erica Janette Reyna, Roger Edgar, James Pisklak, Larry Barak, Itzel Rodriguez, Esperansa Curiel, Rodolfo Curiel, Brett Perkins, Ana Saucedo, Leon Bertsch

**Edward R. Smith
Junior & Dorothy Riggs**

Scripture Readings for the Week of March 26, 2023

Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

Monday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday

Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday

Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10; 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Procession: Mt 21:1-11

At Mass: Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66

Scholarship applications are now available for the SJA Altar guild Scholarship! Applications are in the Sacristy, or you may stop by the church office to pick one up. Please make sure to read through the Application thoroughly!

Seniors must be registered at SJA.

The applications are due by April 24th, 2023!

If you are a graduating senior from High School, please contact the parish office at 979-548-2020 to let us know if you will be participating in either of our graduate Masses being held on May 21st, 2023 at 8:30 am (OLPH) or 10:30 am (SJA).

We would like to honor all of our graduates!



HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday:

9:00 am OLPH – Morning Prayer & Washing of the Feet
5:30 pm SJA – Confession will start
7:00 pm SJA – Holy Thursday Chrism Mass

Good Friday:

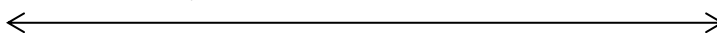
12:00 – 2:00 pm OLPH – Confession
2:30 – 3:30 pm SJA – Confession
3:30 pm SJA – Stations of the Cross
4:00 pm SJA – Passion of the Lord
6:00 pm OLPH – Stations of the Cross (Spanish)
6:30 pm OLPH – Passion of the Lord (Spanish)

Holy Saturday:

5:30 – 8:30 pm SJA – Confession
8:30 pm SJA – Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday:

Normal Sunday Mass Times



Happy Anniversary Mar. 16th – 31st

Jerry & Denise McKeon 45 Years
David & JoAnn Wasicek 35 Years
Eduardo & Olga Zamudio 15 Years

Legion of Mary: Want to Know Christ better? Let Mary lead you to him. Please join our meeting every Monday, 8am at OLPH, or to become an auxiliary member, call Anita Heble at 979-480-3224!

Legion de Maria en Espanol: se reunira el martes a las 6pm en OLPH.



CHURCH SUPPORT

The Second Collection for this weekend is for Gen Maintenance.

OLPH – Mar. 19, 2023

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SJA – Mar. 19, 2023

Table with 2 columns: Collection Type and Amount. Rows include Regular Collection (\$2,052.00), On-Line Giving (\$581.73), Weekly amount needed (\$2,000.00), and 2nd Collection (\$87.50).

Here are some ways to Give On-Line

- 1) Text "Give" to 979-364-4259 for St. John's
Text "Give" to 979-356-3309 for OLPH
2) Give online at https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stjohnwestcolumbia OR http://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/olphsweeny
3) You may use the QR Codes on the flyers at the exit doors, or pick up a flyer at the back of the parish.

Rosary – Sorrowful

Table with 2 columns: Date/Time and Name. Rows include 3/25 5:00 pm Rita Jenkins, 3/26 8:30 am Marie Nairn, 3/26 10:30 am Trisha W., and 3/26 12:30 pm Lolis Soto.

If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily in honor, or in memory of a loved one, please put an envelope in the collection. They are \$15 each!



Mark Your Calendar!

- Faith Formation 1st-5th grade on Wed. @ 4:15 at Both Parishes
Faith Formation 6th-12th grade on Wed. @ 6 pm at OLPH
2023 Quinceañera info meeting on Apr. 17th @ 6 pm at OLPH
Life Night on Sun. Apr. 23rd from 5 – 7 pm at SJA
Confirmation Class on Mon. Apr. 24th from 6 – 8 pm at SJA
The next First Saturday Mass is May. 6th @ 9:00 am at OLPH
Married Couples Retreat on Nov. 10th, 11th, & 12th

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