

“A Mother’s Blessing”

The Gospel Lesson for today is read from Luke 1:39-55

Hear the words from the disciple Luke:

Read Luke 1:39-55

“The Word of God for the people of God.”

“Thanks be to God”

Let us pray:

Lord, by Your grace may I be given Your words to proclaim without fear. As we prepare for the arrival of Your Son, Jesus Christ, prepare our hearts to receive him. Intercede my words by Your Holy Spirit and give them life – in the same way You gave life to Your Son in the Incarnation. May Your Word and my words be one in the same. Use them to bring the good news, the joyous truth to Your people that Your Son, Immanuel, has come for us, and will never leave us. In Jesus Christ’s holy name, Amen.

1. Gabriel visits Mary
 - a. Gabriel says do not be afraid, the Lord has found favor in you
2. Mary accepts blessing
3. Gabriel leaves
4. Mary is **scared** and alone at 14 out on the coast in Galilee
5. Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth out in the country in Judea
6. Elizabeth was **barren** but is now with child
7. Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit at the sound of Mary’s greeting
8. Elizabeth blesses Mary
 - a. V.42-45
9. Mary accepts blessing by singing a song of praise (the Magnificat)
 - a. V.46-55
 - b.
10. **Behind the scenes the real visitor is the Holy Spirit**
 - a. **The spirit is showered upon Mary in making the impossible possible in Mary’s womb**
 - b. **The spirit guides Mary to her relative Elizabeth**
 - c. **Elizabeth is filled by the Holy Spirit which causes her to bless Mary**
 - d. **The blessing from a now pregnant Elizabeth who was barren is what brings assurance and peace to Mary in having Jesus**
11. **Are we trusting the holy spirits guidance?**

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12. **If we’re not are we bringing that needed peace and assurance to others that the Holy Spirit is in control?**