

**Homily March 25, 2020**  
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“For nothing will be impossible for God.”

Today, we are exactly 9 months from Christmas, so we celebrate when Jesus was conceived in Mary’s womb by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit. In this moment, we have the beginning of God being wedded to earth and Jesus being the fruit of this wedding. God remains God; the Blessed Trinity; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. But on this day, we celebrate how Mary became the Spouse of the Holy Spirit and Mother of Jesus. Jesus is the Son of God and Son of Mary. By being baptized into Jesus, our brother, we have God as Father and now Mary, a purely human being, as Mother. Amazing!

What happened to Mary was a gift given to her ahead of time so that in Jesus’ Death, Resurrection, and Pentecost- we all might become one with God, filled with the love of the Holy Spirit, and bear fruit in the world.

All of this was a surprise to Mary when it happened. Her life in general and also her virginity would have her say that it seemed impossible; a dream. But the angel said: “for nothing will be impossible for God.” God wants us to be on a similar adventure with and like Mary. An adventure with God who is love. Let us say with Mary: “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord, let it be done unto me according to your word.” May Jesus be born anew in this time, which for many people seems without hope and certainty- probably just like how many people saw Nazareth 2,000 years ago.

**Gospel of Luke 1:26-38**

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin’s name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, “Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.” But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his Kingdom there will be no end.”

But Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?” And the angel said to her in reply, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God.” Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.