

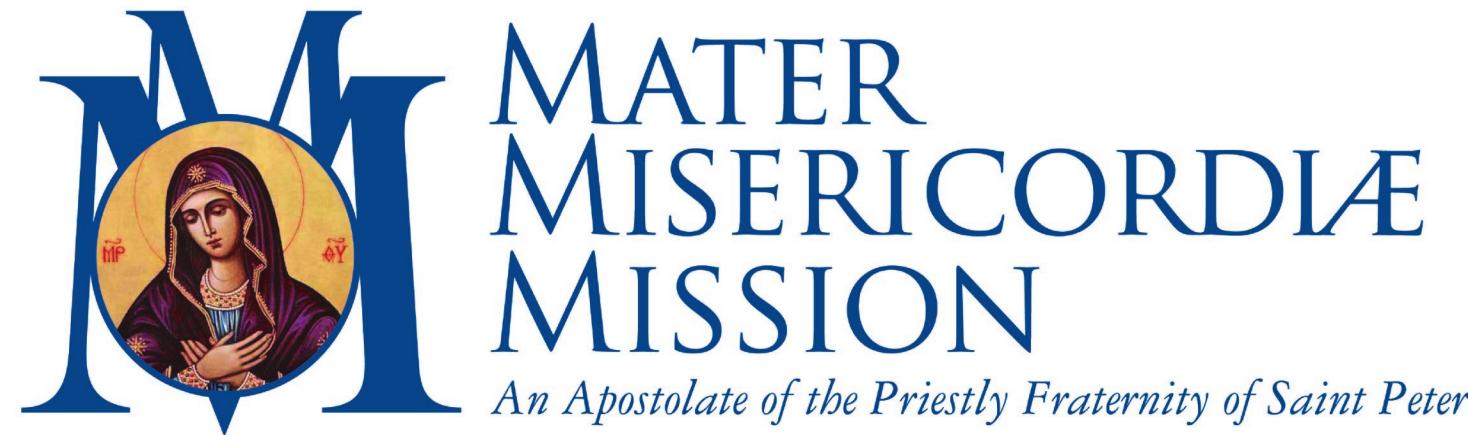


Annunciation (1592-96) by Federico Barocci

The angel Gabriel was sent from God into a city of Galilee, called Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David: and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel being come in, said unto her: Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. Who having heard, was troubled at his saying and thought with herself what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said to her: Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found grace with God. Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son: and thou shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of David his father: and he shall reign in the house of Jacob for ever. And of his kingdom there shall be no end. And Mary said to the angel: How shall this be done, because I know not man? And the angel answering, said to her: The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee. And therefore also the Holy which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And behold thy cousin Elizabeth, she also hath conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her that is called barren. Because no word shall be impossible with God. And Mary said: Behold the handmaid of the Lord: be it done to me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her. (Luke 1:26-38)

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Mater Misericordiae (Mother of Mercy) Mission glorifies God, uniting its members in faith, hope and charity through confession of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Faith and through participation in the Sacraments and Traditional Rites of the Missale Romanum of 1962, under the governance of the Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix and the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter.



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Notitiæ March 23, 2014

Sunday Masses

Propers: Readings:	Third Sunday of Lent, Class I, Violet <i>Ephesians 5:1-9; Luke 11:14-28</i>
Intentions:	7:00am Low Mass; 9:00am Low Mass; 11:00am High Mass at Mater Misericordiae Mission 7:00am: Nate Garten; 9:00am: Marissa Shepherd; 11:00am: Pro Populo
Intention:	9:00 am Low Mass at Saint Cecilia's Mission, Clarkdale 9:00 am: Pro Populo

Weekday Masses

At Mater Misericordiae Mission, Monroe St. Church
Monday-Friday: 6:30 am and 6:30 pm, Saturday: 6:30 am and 8:00 am

Monday, March 24	Thursday, March 27
Propers: Feria of Lent Class III, Violet Readings: <i>IV Kings 5:1-15</i> <i>Luke 4:23-30</i> Intentions: 6:30am: Herbert Beach 6:30pm: Herbert Beach	Propers: Feria of Lent Class III, Violet Readings: <i>Jeremiah 7:1-7</i> <i>Luke 4:38-44</i> Intentions: 6:30am: Anne Girond+ 6:30pm: Matthew Maher
Tuesday, March 25	Friday, March 28
Propers: Annunciation of Our Lady Class I, White Readings: <i>Isaiah 7:10-15</i> <i>Luke 1:26-38</i> Intentions: 6:30am: Herbert Beach 6:30pm: (High Mass) James Baumer	Propers: Feria of Lent Class III, Violet Readings: <i>Numbers 20:1-3, 6-13</i> <i>John 4:5-42</i> Intentions: 6:30am: Gladys McCormack 6:30pm: Andrew Miller
Wednesday, March 26	Saturday, March 29
Propers: Feria of Lent Class III, Violet Readings: <i>Exodus 20:12-24</i> <i>Matthew 15:1-20</i> Intentions: 6:30am: Herbert Beach 6:30pm: Elin Terra+	Propers: Feria of Lent Class III, Violet Readings: <i>Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62</i> <i>John 8:1-11</i> Intentions: 6:30am: To Stop Abortion 8:00am: In Honor of St. Joseph

Confessions

At MMM Church in Phoenix: Mon-Sat: 30 minutes before each Mass. Saturdays: 3:30-4:30 pm.

Sundays: Between 7am & 9am Masses, between 9am & 11am Masses, and after the 11am Mass.

At St. Cecilia's: Saturdays: 3-4 pm. Sundays: Before the 9am Mass. **Other times by arrangement.**

SUNDAY COLLECT

We beseech Thee, O Almighty God, look upon the desires of the humble; and stretch forth the right hand of Thy Majesty to be our defence. Through our Lord...

SUNDAY EPISTLE: Ephesians 5:1-9

Brethren: Be ye followers of God, as most dear children: And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us and hath delivered himself for us, an oblation and a sacrifice to God for an odour of sweetness. But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not so much as be named among you, as becometh saints: Or obscenity or foolish talking or scurrility, which is to no purpose: but rather giving of thanks. For know you this and understand: That no fornicator or unclean or covetous person (which is a serving of idols) hath inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words. For because of these things cometh the anger of God upon the children of unbelief. Be ye not therefore partakers with them. For you were heretofore darkness, but now light in the Lord. Walk then as children of the light. For the fruit of the light is in all goodness and justice and truth.

SUNDAY GOSPEL: Luke 11:14-28

At that time, Jesus was casting out a devil: and the same was dumb. And when he had cast out the devil, the dumb spoke: and the multitudes, were in admiration at it. But some of them said: He casteth out devils by Beelzebub, the prince of devils. And others tempting, asked of him a sign from heaven. But he seeing their thoughts, said to them: Every kingdom divided against itself shall be brought to desolation; and house upon house shall fall. And if Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? Because you say that through Beelzebub I cast out devils. Now if I cast out devils by Beelzebub, by whom do your children cast them out? Therefore, they shall be your judges. But if I by the finger of God cast out devils, doubtless the kingdom of God is come upon you. When a strong man armed keepeth his court, those things are in peace which he posseseth. But if a stronger than he come upon him and overcome him, he will take away all his armour wherein he trusted and will distribute his spoils. He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth. When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through places without water, seeking rest: and not finding, he saith: I will return into my house whence I came out. And when he is come, he findeth it swept and garnished. Then he goeth and taketh with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself: and entering in they dwell there. And the last state of that man becomes worse than the first. And it came to pass, as he spoke these things, a certain woman from the crowd, lifting up her voice, said to him: Blessed is the womb that bore thee and the paps that gave thee suck. But he said: Yea rather, blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it.

FSSP PRAYER REQUESTS

March 23: Fr. Kenneth Fryar
March 24: Fr. John Lyons
March 25: Fr. Carl Gismondi
March 26: Fr. James Gordon
March 27: Msgr. John Fritz
March 28: Fr. William Lawrence
March 29: Fr. Thomas Longua



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ **The next potluck will be on the first Sunday of next month instead of the second Sunday, since that Sunday is Palm Sunday. Therefore, the next potluck will be two weeks from now and so will be Sunday, April 6.**

❖ The photo shoot for the parish directory

will take place on Sunday, April 6. For those who attend the 9:00 Mass, it will take place between the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses (during Catechism lessons and in a separate building). Parents, please stick around during Catechism so that we can find you and arrange times. Because of time restraint, if you can be present after the 11:00 Mass, please be at the photo shoot at that time instead. For those who attend the 11:00 Mass, it will take place during the potluck (in a separate building). For those who attend the 7:00 Mass, we will make arrangements on an individual basis.

What you wear to the photoshoot should be what you wear to Mass. Women, dresses should have sleeves, and should go at least to below the knees. Also, if families can do this, try to wear matching clothing (within reason), or at least colors that go together.

Why Dress Modestly?

By an author from Catholic Answers

If you are fed up with the way guys often treat women and wonder what can be done to restore a sense of respect, modesty is the solution. The problem is this: Many men today do not know how to relate to women. Part of the remedy for this ailment lies in the hands of women. Wendy Shalit said, "Ultimately, it seems that only men can teach other men how to behave around women, but those men have to be inspired by women in the first place; inspired enough to think the women are worth being courteous to." How will this happen? Well, many young women are aware that they have the power to seduce a man, but few girls are aware that their femininity also has the power to educate a man. The way a girl dresses (not to mention the way she talks, dances, and so forth) has an extraordinary ability to help shape a man into a gentleman or into a beast. I have read tens of thousands of pages of theology, counseling, and information about relationships and human sexuality, but I never learned how to treat a woman until I dated one who dressed modestly. It was captivating, and I realized for the first time that immodest dress gets in the way of seeing a woman for who she is. (Continued on next page)

Immodest outfits might attract a man to a girl's body, but they distract him from seeing her as a person. As one man said, "If you want a man to respect you, and perhaps eventually fall in love with you, then you must show him that you respect yourself and that you recognize your dignity before God." A woman who dresses modestly inspires a guy in a way that I am not ashamed to admit I cannot explain. I suppose it is safe to say that it conveys your worth to us. When a woman dresses modestly, I can take her seriously as a woman because she doesn't look like she's begging for attention. She knows that she's worth discovering. Such humility is radiant. Unfortunately, many women are so preoccupied with turning men's heads that they overlook their power to turn our hearts.

Sometimes femininity is confused with weakness, but nothing could be further from the truth. A woman who is truly feminine is well aware that she could dress like a collection of body parts and receive countless stares from guys. But she has the strength to leave room for mystery. Instead of dressing in a way that invites guys to lust, the way she dresses says, "I'm worth waiting for." She trusts God's timing, and she knows that she does not need to make boys gawk in order to catch the attention of the man God has planned for her.

So what is modesty? It is not about looking as ugly as possible. It is about taking the natural beauty of womanhood and adorning it in a way that reflects one's true identity. When a girl knows that she is a daughter of the King of heaven, she does not allow her outfits, conversations, and mannerisms to distract from this. She is aware that her body is sacred because it is a temple of the Holy Spirit. This brings about a certain humility of the body, since humility is the proper attitude toward greatness. In this case it is the greatness of being made in the image and likeness of God. This is not an "I am woman, hear me roar!" bit, but a serene sense of not needing to grope for attention. Sure, guys will gawk at a woman who dresses provocatively, but in your heart do you long to be gawked at or to be loved? You want real love. When a girl dresses immodestly, she often does not realize that she robs herself of the intimacy for which she yearns.

When a girl wears outfits that could not be any tighter without cutting off her circulation, guys will think she is trying to tell them, "Hey, boys, the greatest thing about me is my body!" They will stare and will probably agree. But if her body is the greatest thing about her, it must be all downhill from there. If that is the best she has to offer, why should they get to know her heart, her dreams, her personality, and her family? They only want to get to know her body. Dressing immodestly also harms a girl's chances of being loved. The type of guys who will be drawn to her will not be the type of guys who will treat her as a daughter of God. No matter how a woman dresses, she sends out an unspoken invitation for men to treat her the way she looks. For example, consider a magazine I recently saw at an airport newsstand. On the cover was a woman wearing a short skirt that could be mistaken for a wide belt. Her airtight top was scarcely the size of an unfolded napkin, and in big bold letters across the cover was "Suzie [or whatever her name was—I don't remember] wants men to respect her!" I wished her the best of luck and walked on to my gate, after covering up the magazine with a few issues of Oprah. (I consider this a corporal work of mercy—clothing the naked.)

Although a girl deserves respect no matter what she wears, a guy can tell how much a woman respects herself by how she is dressed. If she does not respect herself, the odds are that guys will follow her lead. In the heart of a woman, there is no desire to be a sex object. Is there a desire to receive attention, affection, and love? Certainly. But is there a desire to be reduced to an object? No girl wants to go there, but many do for the sake of receiving emotional gratification. When a girl puts on a belly-button-showing, spaghetti strap shirt, she is not thinking about how she hopes to lead men to sin. She's probably thinking, "That's a cute top, and it will look perfect with my shoes." But beneath this simple desire to be attractive is a deeper desire to be accepted. If a girl understands how visual guys are when it comes to sexuality, she may look at the outfit as a means to receive attention. She may see the scantily clad mannequin and think, "That outfit turns heads. If I wear it, guys will look at me. Maybe I'll even meet a nice one." But her logic will not pay off.

Assume that a girl dresses provocatively and she comes across a genuinely good man. The man is no better off because of her outfit. Men are more visually stimulated than women, and immodesty can easily trigger lustful thoughts. When men harbor these impure ideas, lust separates us from Christ, the source of unconditional love. Does a woman really want to separate men from the source of the unconditional love she seeks? If not, then why not opt for the more modest outfit? There is nothing wrong with wearing things that make you look cute, but seductive and sexy outfits should not be part of a Christian woman's wardrobe. If your heart is saying, "Is this too short?" or "Does this look too tight?" listen to that voice. It has already answered your question. Listen to this voice for your sake and for ours. For your sake, realize that as a moat surrounds a castle, modesty protects the treasure of chastity. For our sake, remember when Cain killed Abel back in Genesis? When God asked Cain where his brother was, Cain replied, "Am I my brother's keeper?" In the same way, it is all too easy for guys and girls alike to shrug off the responsibility we have to help one another maintain purity. Adopt the attitude of Saint Paul, and live in a way that does not cause your brothers to stumble (Rom. 14:21).

Some girls spend more energy trying to make guys notice them (even if they have no interest in the guys) than they spend trying to focus young men's attention on God. As a woman of God, use your beauty to inspire men to virtue. Again, there is no problem with looking cute. Problems arise, however, when clothing (or the lack thereof) is worn in a way that is immodest, or when a person falls into vanity and excessive concern about looking perfect. Your body is precious in the sight of God, and you do not need to look like an airbrushed Cosmo model to deserve love. -Source: www.chastity.com

