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## Fr. Matt's Musings

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I began this reflection yesterday on the Feast of the Annunciation. Like all the feasts of the liturgical year, it is a feast not just for an individual but also for us. In preparation for the Second Vatican Council, there was disagreement over how to consider Mary. Some thought there should be a separate document dedicated to the Mother of God and others thought she should be part of the document on the Church. The latter group prevailed. The Annunciation, Christmas, The Visitation, The Assumption are all feasts of the Church because they say something to each of us.

We are all called to announce the Good News of Christ and our redemption by His life, death, and resurrection. Mary gave birth to Christ and so holds a unique place of honor in salvation history. St. Francis de Sales reminds us that we too are called to give birth to Christ by imitating his life, words, and deeds. The Visitation holds up for us the importance of hospitality and our call to care for one another. Finally, the Assumption reminds us that God's desire is that we be with God eternally in heaven. Thus, we live confidently and with the hope that where Mary has gone, we too will one day be.

With Mary as our guide, we dedicate ourselves to Christ and seek to serve in His name and imitate His life of generosity and love. That is pretty good for a windy March day!

Live Jesus!

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