

Annunciation  
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## ***Unprecedented!!!***

Unprecedented! We have been hearing this word a lot lately. However, this isolating situation we find ourselves in may be unprecedented to us in our lifetimes, quarantine has been used throughout history and the world to stop the spread of disease. So, it is not unprecedented at all. Yet there is something we celebrate this twenty-fifth of March that truly is ***Unprecedented!*** Nothing like it happened before and nothing like it will happen again. Pause for a minute and count nine months forward from today.....What do you get? That's right Christmas! Today we celebrate the day God took on our flesh and blood: our humanity! God wanted to save us from our fall in Adam and from our weakness, from sickness, from isolation and ultimately death. But he had to enter all this to break it open. Yet He is God! Totally perfect! So how could he experience and enter weakness, sickness, isolation even death? Well he chose to become one of us! This is truly ***Unprecedented*** when you really think about it! The God of the entire universe takes on our weakness. Jesus clearly endured isolation. Imagine being God, living the Glory of heaven and then ending up here? As one of us? Imagine how much Jesus must have missed the Glory of the Father by being one of us. Yet he did it! He didn't let his human weakness and isolation weigh him down. He looked for ways to bring others out of the isolation of sickness, blindness, and ignorance. A timely example of this is in Matthew Chap 4 when Peter's Mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. Jesus goes to her and heals her! Notice also how in Luke's Gospel Mary receives the Angel Gabriel's message in isolation. She is by herself! Yet what does the Angel say when she asks "How can this be for I have had no relations with a Man?" Gabriel replies "The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you and the child to be born to you will be called Holy: The Son of God!!!" God can really work with us when we are alone because when we are isolated and alone, he knows that we will reach out to him to be with him. Today is like the beginning of our preparation for Christmas! God takes on flesh in Mary's womb today and Jesus begins to grow as a little zygote, fully God fully man! This truly is ***Unprecedented!!!*** Find ways to celebrate this day! Lenten penances are cancelled. Enjoy this Oasis of God's great love, and the promise of Christmas to come in the midst of the darkness and isolation we presently endure.