



*Blessed is  
she who  
has  
believed*

*the Annunciation*



The Annunciation  
Fra Angelico  
1480-1482

*“The Annunciation is... the  
point of departure from which  
Mary’s whole journey towards  
God begins, her whole  
pilgrimage of faith.”*

*Pope John Paul II  
Mother of the Redeemer*



The Annunciation  
Fra Angelico  
1480-1482

## *the Nativity*



The Nativity (part 2)  
Pis Angelico  
1480-1485

## *The Presentation*

*“...reveals to her that she  
will have to live her obedience of faith  
in suffering,  
at the side of suffering Savior,  
and that her motherhood will be  
mysterious and sorrowful.”*

*Pope John Paul II  
Mother of the Redeemer*

## *The Flight into Egypt*



Flight into Egypt  
Pis Angelico  
1480-1485

## *The Hidden Years*

*“Mary ... is in contact with the truth about her Son only in faith and through faith! She is therefore blessed, because she has believed and continues to believe day after day amidst all the trials and the adversities of Jesus’ infancy and then during the years of hidden life at Nazareth...”*

*Pope John Paul II  
Mother of the Redeemer*

## *The Finding in the Temple*

*“Son, why have you treated us so?”  
Thus even his Mother, to whom had been revealed most completely the mystery of his divine sonship, lived in intimacy with this mystery only through faith!”*

*Pope John Paul II  
Mother of the Redeemer*

## *The Foot of the Cross*

*“How great, how heroic then is the obedience of faith shown by Mary in the face of God’s unsearchable judgments! How completely she abandons herself to God...At the foot of the Cross, Mary shares through faith in the shocking mystery of Jesus’ self-emptying.”*

*Pope John Paul II  
Mother of the Redeemer*



*"The one thing that she did and does is the one thing that we all have to do, namely, to bear Christ into the world."*

*"In this great fiat of the little girl Mary, the strength and foundation of our life of contemplation is grounded, for it means absolute trust in God,*

*trust which will not set us free from suffering but will set us free from anxiety, hesitation, and above all from the fear of suffering.*

*Trust which makes us willing to be what God wants us to be, however great or however little that may prove.*

*Trust which accepts God as unlimited Love."*

*Caryll Houselander*

*The Reed of God*

## I. Typology

## II. Four defined Marian doctrines



- a. Mother of God
- b. Perpetual Virginity
- c. Immaculate Conception
- d. Bodily Assumption

Typical  
Master of St. Veronica  
1412

What the Catholic faith believes about Mary is based on what it believes about Christ, and what it teaches about Mary illumines in turn its faith in Christ.

CCC 487



Madonna del Orto  
Raphael  
1505

## Typology:

"A type is a real person, place or thing or event in the Old Testament that foreshadows something greater in the New Testament."

-Scott Hahn-

"The New lays hidden in the Old and the Old is fulfilled in the New."

-St. Augustine-

### *Examples-*

- Manna in the desert
- Egypt into the Promised Land
- Passover

CCC 128-130

## Major Types of Mary in the Old Testament

• Eve

• Ark of the Covenant

• Queen Mother

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"The knot of Eve's disobedience was untied by Mary's obedience.

What the virgin Eve bound through her disbelief, Mary loosened by her faith."

*St. Irenaeus*



The Creation of Adam (detail)  
Michelangelo  
1511

CCC 494

# Major Types of Mary in the Old Testament

## ✧ the Ark of the Covenant

Old Testament Ark of the Covenant	Mary, the Ark of the New Covenant
Made from acacia wood (incorruptible), plated inside and outside with pure gold. Kept free from all impurity and profanation (Exodus 25)	Free from all sin (Immaculate Conception) Consecrated, set aside for God alone (Perpetual Virginity)
Contained the 10 Commandments, the Word of God written on stone tablets; manna from the desert; Aaron's miraculously flowering staff	Carried within her the Word of God written on human flesh, the true Manna from heaven, and the Resurrection

## ✧ the Ark of the Covenant (cont.)

Old Testament Ark of the Covenant	Mary, the Ark of the New Covenant
"A cloud of glory covered the Tabernacle and the Ark" (Ex 40:34-35, Num 9:15)	"And the angel said to her: 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.'" (Luke 1:35)
The Ark spent three months in the house of Obededom the Gittite (2 Samuel 6:11)	Mary spent three months in the house of Zechariah and Elizabeth (Luke 1:26)
King David asked, "How can the ark of the Lord come to me?" (2 Samuel 6:9)	Elizabeth asked Mary, "How is it that the Mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Luke 1:43)
David leapt and danced before the Lord when the Ark arrived in Jerusalem (2 Samuel 6:14-16)	John the Baptist leapt for joy in Elizabeth's womb when Mary arrived (Luke 1:44)

# Major Types of Mary in the Old Testament

## ✧ the Queen Mother





# Defined Marian Doctrines



Thyssen  
Master of St. Veronica  
1470

- ✧ Mother of God
- ✧ Perpetual Virginity
- ✧ Immaculate Conception
- ✧ Bodily Assumption

## Stumbling Blocks

- ✧ Thinking in either/or categories
- ✧ Misunderstanding doctrinal development
- ✧ Confusing doctrinal proclamation with doctrinal invention
- ✧ Restricting God's Word to *Sola Scriptura*
- ✧ Failing to appreciate typology

## Mother of God



Jesus: 1 person with 2 natures

↓  
“who”

↓  
“what”

↓  
Jesus, the Second Person  
of the Blessed Trinity

↓  
human nature  
& divine nature

## *The Incarnation*

- ✦ To deny that Mary is the Mother of God is to deny that God was born of a woman.
- ✦ This denial implies that Jesus is either not God or that He is two persons, both of which are heresies.
- ✦ Council of Ephesus (A.D. 431) condemned the Nestorian heresy and confirmed Mary's title as Mother of God.

*Woman,  
behold  
your son.*



*Behold  
Your  
mother.*

Jn. 19:26-27

## **Perpetual Virginity**

- ✦ The Catholic Church teaches that Mary was a virgin before, during, and after the birth of Jesus.
- ✦ "Manifests God's absolute initiative in the Incarnation. Jesus has only God as Father."
- ✦ As the Ark of the New Covenant, Mary's womb is totally consecrated for God.
- ✦ The Protestant reformers defended this teaching of Mary as ever-virgin.

\* A note on word "brother" and "till she had brought forth her firstborn son" (Mt 1:24-25).



# Immaculate Conception

“The Most Holy Virgin Mary was, in the first moment of her conception, by a unique gift of grace and privilege of Almighty God and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ the Redeemer of mankind, preserved free from all stain of original sin.”

Infallibly defined by Pope Pius IX – December 8, 1854

CCC 490-493

# Immaculate Conception



*My spirit  
rejoices  
in God  
my Savior!*

The Visitation  
Fra Angelico  
1432-1436

# The Assumption



“Mary, the immaculate perpetually Virgin Mother of God, after the completion of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into the glory of heaven.”

Infallibly defined by Pope Pius XII—November 1, 1950

Death and Assumption of the Virgin  
Fra Angelico  
1432

# Our Lady's Intercessory Role



"When the wine failed,  
the mother of Jesus  
said to Him,  
'They have no wine.'"  
*John 2:3*



"All these with one  
accord devoted  
themselves to prayer,  
together with the  
women and Mary,  
the mother of Jesus."  
*Acts 1:14*



"We want to be one  
with Mary's  
contemplating or  
remembering so that  
the saving events of  
Christ's life will  
never stop acting in  
our life."

*Father Peter John Cameron, O.P.*

# The Rosary



“Simple yet profound, it still remains, at the dawn of this third millennium, a prayer of great significance, destined to bring forth a harvest of holiness.”

*Pope John Paul II  
Apostolic Letter on the Most Holy Rosary*

# The Rosary



- “a compendium of the Gospel”
- “at heart, a Christocentric prayer”
- “Through the Rosary, the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer.”
- “To recite the rosary is nothing other than to contemplate with Mary the face of Christ.”

*Pope John Paul II  
Apostolic Letter on the Most Holy Rosary*