**Reading for the Annunciation of the Lord - March 25th.**

**Reading 1, *Isaiah 7:10-14***

10 Yahweh spoke to Ahaz again and said: 11 Ask [Yahweh](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6291) your [God](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5217) for a sign, either in the depths of Sheol or in the heights above. 12 But Ahaz said, 'I [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) not ask. I [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) not put [Yahweh](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6291) to the test.' 13 He then said: Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying human patience that you should try my God's patience too? 14 The [Lord](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5217) [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) give you a sign in any case: It is this: the young [woman](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12437) is with child and [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) give birth to a son whom she [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) call Immanuel.

**Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11***

7 then I said, 'Here I am, I am coming.' In the scroll of the book it is written of me, 8 my delight is to do your will; your law, my God, is deep in my heart.

9 I proclaimed the saving [justice](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6550) of [Yahweh](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6291) in the great assembly. See, I [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) not hold my tongue, as you well know.

10 I have not kept your saving [justice](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6550) locked in the depths of my heart, but have spoken of your constancy and saving help. I have made no [secret](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=10643) of your faithful and steadfast love, in the great assembly.

11 You, Yahweh, have not withheld your tenderness from me; your faithful and steadfast love [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) always guard me.

**Reading 2, *Hebrews 10:4-10***

4 Bulls' blood and goats' blood are incapable of taking away sins, 5 and that is why he said, on coming into the world: You wanted no [sacrifice](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=10284) or cereal offering, but you gave me a body. 6 You took no pleasure in burnt offering or [sacrifice](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=10284) for sin; 7 then I said, 'Here I am, I am coming,' in the scroll of the book it is written of me, to do your will, God. 8 He says first You did not want what the [Law](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6916) lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the cereal offerings, the burnt [offerings](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=8661) and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; 9 and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to do your will. He is abolishing the first sort to establish the second. 10 And this [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) was for us to be made holy by the offering of the body of [Jesus](https://www.catholic.org/clife/jesus) [Christ](https://www.catholic.org/clife/jesus) made once and for all.

**Gospel, *Luke 1:26-38***

26 In the sixth month the [angel](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=774) Gabriel was sent by [God](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5217) to a town in [Galilee](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=4947) called Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a [man](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=7463) named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. 28 He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, you who enjoy God's favor! The [Lord](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5217) is with you.' 29 She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, 30 but the [angel](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=774) said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. 31 Look! You are to conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. 32 He [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) be great and [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) be called Son of the Most High. The [Lord](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5217) [God](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5217) [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) give him the [throne](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=11541) of his ancestor David; 3 he [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) rule over the House of [Jacob](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6233) for ever and his reign [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) have no end.' 34 Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I have no [knowledge](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6682) of man?' 35 The [angel](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=774) answered, 'The [Holy Spirit](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5854) [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) come upon you, and the power of the Most High [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) cover you with its shadow. And so the child [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) be holy and [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) be called Son of God. 36 And I tell you this too: your cousin [Elizabeth](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=4234) also, in her old age, has conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, 37 for nothing is impossible to God.' 38 Mary said, 'You see before you the Lord's servant, let it happen to me as you have said.' And the [angel](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=774) left her.