

The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

celebrates the angel Gabriel's appearance to the Virgin Mary, announcing that she has been chosen to be the Mother of Our Lord. The Annunciation would normally fall on Friday, March 25, 2018. That day, however, is Good Friday, and Annunciation is never celebrated during Holy Week. It is transferred, therefore, to **Monday, April 4, 2016**, the first open day after Easter Sunday.



Spiritual Adoption of Unborn Human Life

This is the environment spiritual, prayerful care for:

- One unborn child
- The child is known only to God, as is his/her name.
- Who is threatened by abortion.

Every day of nine months I will pray:

- One mystery of the Rosary for the unborn
- The special daily prayer "My Lord Jesus Christ..."
- (optional) My voluntary arrangements:.....

Daily prayer for your adopted child:

My Lord Jesus Christ, through the intercession of Your Blessed Mother Mary, who gave birth to you out of love, and through the intercession of St. Joseph, the man of faith who cared for You after Your birth, I turn to You on behalf of this conceived child who has been spiritually adopted by me and who is threatened by abortion. Please give to his parents the love and courage to allow their child to remain in the womb and have life, the life that You have given him. Amen.

Promise of Spiritual Adoption:

"I glorify You, Father Almighty, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have hidden things from the mighty and clever, but have revealed them to the merest children. Yes, Father, this was Your gracious will. Most Holy Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and all you Angels and Saints, led by a desire to help children in the womb who are in danger of abortion, I _____ undertake by oath on this day, _____ to spiritually adopt one child, a child whose name is known only to God. I promise to pray for this child every day for nine months, to intercede in his behalf that his life may be spared and to obtain for him God's grace to live a just and holy life.