



Third Sunday of Lent
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Pastor's Column

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Our Marian Shrine



Our Marian Shrine has arrived and has been installed. Designed and created by Claire Wing of Dallas, Texas, it is a depiction of the Annunciation Scene, as the Angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she is to be the mother of Jesus.

In this scene, Mary is unveiled because she was in her home. Mary was probably about 13 years old when she was given the privilege of being the mother of Jesus.

The model for Mary for the shrine was a 13-year-old girl.

Have you located the Angel Gabriel? What is he holding in his hand? Have you noticed Jesus at the moment of his conception? Scientists just recently discovered that at the moment of conception there is a flash of light called the “zinc spark”!

The Shrine consists of three individual panels of glass and weighs close to 600 pounds.

There will be a bench that will be in front of the shrine. It has not been delivered yet.

We also now have votive candles by the shrine.

I am asking and encouraging people to sponsor the candles for an individual month at \$100/month. This will alleviate the need to install some kind of money box with the daily collection of the monies, etc.

Phil and Pat Goscienski are sponsoring the Marian Shrine candles for the month of March. The rest of the months for this year are open. Please call the Parish Office to let us know if you would like to sponsor a month.

“Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you!”

Thank you!

F. Mike