

## Daily Reflection

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Today's Reflection is from The Rev. Deborah Seles

Morning Prayer may be found at:

<https://www.missionstclare.com/english/March/whole/morning/25m.html>

Today is the Feast of the Annunciation--the day we rejoice at Mary's "YES!" to God's request (through the Angel Gabriel) that she consent to bear the Son of God. The illustration below (by San Francisco muralist Gaea) depicts Mary as a fast-food worker talking to her customer, Gabriel in his red car. It may seem irreverent to depict the Theotokos (God-Bearer) as a fast-food worker but I believe it is one we can relate to as we adjust to closed restaurants and only drive-through and take-out options.

The artist captures the paradox of the Incarnation: how the Eternal God's plan to be born as a helpless child is completely dependent on Mary's consent. Mary could have said, "No" but did say "Yes," answering God's request with her powerful hymn of praise (The *Magnificat*). In this text she acknowledges the faithfulness of the God of Israel and her role in bringing Good News to all.

God is still speaking to us--sometimes through unexpected messengers. If you are here, it's because you've followed the leading of the Spirit. May you be on the lookout for God's unexpected messengers and may your continued response be "YES!" to the Holy One's call. Pray today especially for those workers who remain on the front-line of service: healthcare, emergency personnel, grocery workers and all others who help us maintain our lives.

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