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## Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

“Condescension of compassion” is how Pope Leo the Great spoke about the Incarnation, God becoming man. That is what we celebrate today and it took the cooperation of Mary and her “fiat” for it to be accomplished. “Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.” In the midst of Lent, God gives us a second solemnity to celebrate within a week. That is compassion, knowing that Lent can be a difficult discipline for some. Yet, the words resound about what God is really asking of us in our conversion: “Sacrifices and offerings, holocausts and sin offerings, you neither desired or delighted in.” However, these words bring God much joy: “Behold, I come to do your will.” “By this ‘will’, we have been consecrated through the offering of the Body of Jesus Christ once for all.”

God Love You!

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