

Homily: Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary **(08/09/2016)**

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Today we celebrate the birthday of the blessed Virgin. Scripture does not give us any details about her birth and parentage. We learn from an apocryphal book the Gospel of St James that Mary was born to Joachim and Anne. They were initially barren and for years, they prayed to God for a child and eventually providence smile on them giving them a child that will be a great blessing to humanity at large. She is the woman whose birth pangs was to signal the liberation of the children of Israel (Micah 5:2-5). She is the dawning of salvation to the world. She brings Christ into the world and nurtures him. In Mary God trust humanity again by entrusting his only son to the world through her Where Mary is invoked the presence of Christ is assured as she always brings along her son. Through our filial love for her Christ is formed and nurtured in us. A certain group of protestants did a film sometime called Mary of Nazareth, one of them who was interviewed said something amazing, that the more they searched deeper into the mystery of Mary the deeper thy understood Christ. Mary brings Christ to the world and the world to Christ, even after her assumption into heaven, countless apparitions of our Lady continues to gather humanity back to her son Jesus Christ. Mary's birth also reminds us of the significance of our own birth as well. We were all born with a purpose, a unique one at that, our gifts and talents are indications of what God has put us in this world for and our happiness depends on discovering and fulfilling our purpose as Mary did. An anecdote has it that the two most important days in a man's life is the day he was born and the day he discovers why he was born. We pray through her intercession that we too will discover our purpose in life and live for it.