

THE ANGELUS

- Brief History:
 - Began in its initial forms in the 13th century in Italian monasteries: 3 Hail Marys said to the ringing of the evening bells
 - Established in current form by the end of the 16th century
 - “Angelus Bells” call out at 6:00 a.m., noon, and 6:00 p.m. to remind the faithful to pray



ARTISTS CAPTURE HOW ALL ACTIVITY STOPPED FOR PRAYER WHEN THE BELLS RANG OUT

(FROM MILLET TO DALI)



ANNUNCIATION

V.The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R.And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, etc.



MARY, THE HANDMAID OF THE LORD

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary, etc.



INCARNATION

V. And the Word was made flesh.

R. And dwelt among us.

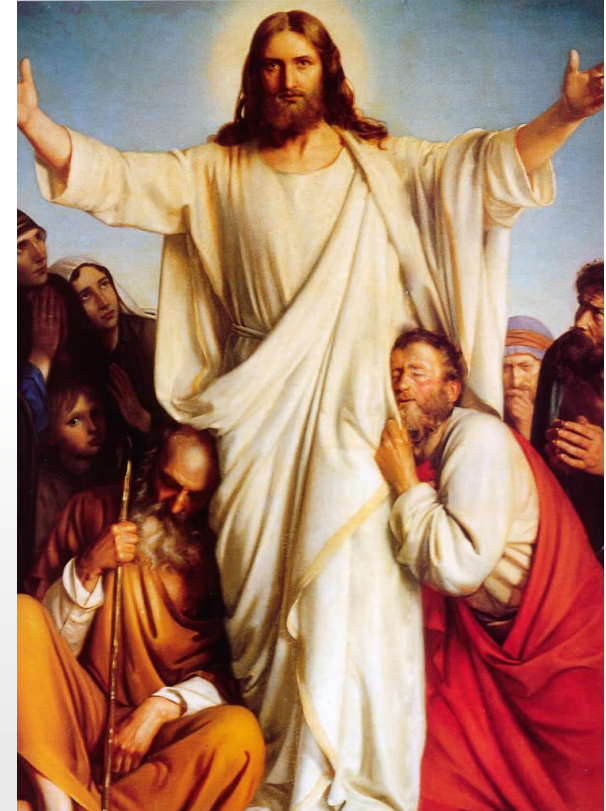
Hail Mary, etc.



OUR DESIRE FOR HEAVEN

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.



WHAT ARE WE FOCUSED ON IN THE ANGELUS?

- 1) We contemplate the mystery that the Son of God became man so he could save us from our sins. We genuflect at “And the Word was made flesh” to show our reverence and gratitude.
- 2) We marvel that God could love us so much that he would leave heaven and come into immediate contact with us. “The distant God becomes our God, Emmanuel – ‘God with us’” (Pope Emeritus Benedict).
- 3) We consider Mary’s complete openness to the will of God. Can we be this way too in our small and big choices?