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# Kerygma

## My Favorite Painting of the Annunciation

I believe the first time I saw this painting of the Annunciation was at Our Lady of Good Counsel about ten years ago when I attended a seminar on how to conduct an ALPHA Retreat. The painting was created in 1898 by Henry Ossawa Turner, an American artist living in Paris.



The painting depicts the Virgin Mary as a teenager sitting reverently and attentively before the angel Gabriel, who is depicted by a brilliant burst of light. The painting was produced after Tanner made a visit to Palestine and had a young Jewish girl pose for him. The furnishings in the room are typical of Palestine around the year the painting was produced (1898).

Henry Ossawa Tanner, was born in Philadelphia on June 21, 1859. His father, Benjamin Tucker Tanner, was a minister in the A.M.E. Church (African Methodist Episcopal Church). His mother, Sarah Elizabeth Miller Tanner, was a former slave who escaped before the Civil War and made her way to freedom in Philadelphia.



Sunday Masses 9:30 am and 11:30 am  
are livestreamed on You Tube  
Visit [www.stmalachychurch.org/live](http://www.stmalachychurch.org/live)



Henry Ossawa Tanner announced to his father that he wanted to be an artist, which did not please his father; he wanted him to become a minister in their church. Ultimately, both his father and mother relented when they saw his obvious talent. Henry studied under the renowned artist Thomas Eakins who advised all his promising students to go to Paris to further their education. Henry took that advice.

Henry would continue his career from Paris for the rest of his life. There was a secondary reason for him, doing so. In America, he had gained some notoriety as a "Negro Artist". In Paris he was an "Artiste de American", There was no racial labelling applied to him in Paris. In that somewhat more worldly and cosmopolitan city he was another great artist, identified by his talent, not by his race.

Ironically, if you research the life of Henry Ossawa Tanner, you will most likely read of the talented "African-American", who has been largely forgotten in the world of art. Some of his greatest admirers, today, cannot seem to drop the label and admire him for (only) his great talent.

I think there may be a lesson in all of this. We are too ready to apply labels and stick people into pre-conceived categories of our own limited understanding. Henry Ossawa Tanner was a complex man who does not fit neatly into a category. His paintings are expressive, and most of them depict religious and Biblical scenes. He only painted two scenes of black Americans in his forty-year career. Yet every book I have found about his life, features one of these two paintings on the cover.

Henry Ossawa Turner thought of himself as an artist. I think of him as an artist and a very holy man who produced my favorite depiction of the Annunciation.

- Gordon Peck



An opportunity for Catholic Men to come together for Scripture, Prayer, Discussion and Inspiration.

Iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another ... Proverbs 27:17

All Men are welcome and invited to attend. Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Saturday each month; 8:00 am – 9:30 am in the Social Hall (at St. Paul of Tarsus Church)

Also, the 4th Thursday of each month 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm in the Library

NO cost / NO prerequisites /  
NO long-term commitment  
Only requirement: a desire to grow in holiness with other men

For questions see ...  
<https://spotmensfsg.wordpress.com/contact/>

St. Paul of Tarsus is at the Northeast corner of Romeo Plank and Canal  
41300 Romeo Plank Rd, Clinton Twp, MI 48038

<https://www.facebook.com/SPOTJourneyMen/>



## **An Adult Faith Enrichment Program**

LIVE at Saint Malachy Church. Thursday Nights (Gather Space)

**Part One: Frances Xavier Cabrini** - Thursday, March 10 – 7:00 pm

Repeats on ZOOM – Monday March 14 – 7:00 pm

**Part Two: Bishop Frederic Baraga** - Thursday, March 17 – 7:00 pm

Repeats on ZOOM – Monday March 21 – 7:00 pm

**Part Three: Katherine Drexel** - Thursday, March 24 – 7:00 pm

Repeats on ZOOM – Monday March 28 – 7:00 pm

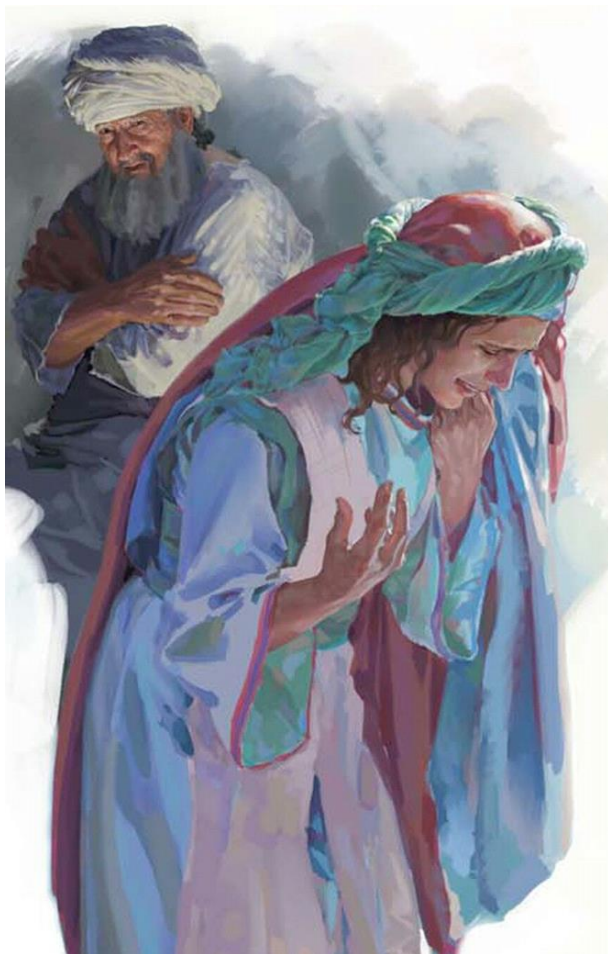
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*Come  
Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of  
your faithful and kindle  
in them the fire of Your Love.*

*Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be  
created; and you shall renew the face of the earth.*

*O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the  
hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we  
may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolations,  
through Christ Our Lord, Amen*





### **Spiritual Blindness**

The poster child for Spiritual Blindness in the Book of 1 Samuel must be Eli, the Judge of Israel. The first encounter we have with him, is when he rebukes Hannah, when she is praying in Shiloh. Hannah, who is the younger wife of a man named Elkanah, is childless. Elkanah's older wife, Penninah has many children. To be barren was a great shame in that time in Israel.

Hannah has gone to pray to the Lord at Shiloh, for a child. She promises to "give back" the child to the Lord's service if only she could be so blessed.

She must have been very verbal and emotional in her prayers because Eli (the Judge of Israel) who is blind and perhaps a bit deaf also, rebukes her for being drunk. He interprets her emotions as being induced by an intoxicant.

But Eli is blind to more than just this weeping woman in prayer. Eli has two sons, who as tradition dictates have also become priests. Their names are Hophni and Phineas. They abuse the women who bring them the meat offerings (as sacrifice) and keep the best for themselves. They apparently believe they are above reproach, because they do not stop this disgraceful conduct even when it is brought to the attention of their father.

1 Samuel 2: 22-24:

*When Eli was very old, he kept hearing how his sons were treating all Israel, and that they were behaving promiscuously with the women serving at the entry of the meeting tent.*

*So he said to them: "Why are you doing such things? I hear from everyone that your behavior is depraved.*

*Stop this, my sons! The report that I hear the LORD's people spreading is not good.*

Eli doesn't act in any significant way to discipline his sons. This brief chastisement is the only action on his part.

The result is that in battle (soon thereafter) with the Philistines, the nation of Israel suffers a great defeat. Both Hophni and Phineas are killed, and the Ark of the Covenant is captured.

1 Samuel 4: 18

*At this mention of the ark of God, Eli fell backward from his chair into the gateway; he died of a broken neck since he was an old man and heavy. He had judged Israel for forty years.*

We know Eli was blind, but now we read that he was of great weight, in other words fat... from self-indulgence; not an attribute of a devotedly holy man.

Our lesson...avoid spiritual blindness. Respond if someone identifies any form of abuse going unchecked. It is our business, just as it was Eli's business.



## Prayer of St. Teresa of Avila



Lord, grant that I may always allow myself to be guided by You, always follow Your plans, and perfectly accomplish Your Holy Will. Grant that in all things, great and small, today and all the days of my life, I may do whatever You require of me. Help me respond to the slightest prompting of Your Grace, so that I may be Your trustworthy instrument for Your honor. May Your Will be done in time and in eternity by me, in me, and through me. Amen.

# DAVID

## A Man after God's Own Heart

An Adult Faith Enrichment Program from  
St. Malachy Office of Evangelization

A Three-Part Program  
beginning March 31 (LIVE) 7:00PM  
In the St, Malachy Gather Space  
Repeats on ZOOM Monday April 4 at 7:00PM

Part Two: April 7<sup>th</sup> LIVE April 11<sup>th</sup> ZOOM  
Part Three: April 14<sup>th</sup> LIVE April 18<sup>th</sup> ZOOM

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For ZOOM links

There is no charge for Evangelization  
Programs at St. Malachy Church



The Cursillo Movement in  
the Archdiocese of Detroit  
conducts a monthly Ultreya  
at St. Malachy Church  
at 10:00am  
On the second Saturday  
of every month.  
ALL are Welcome !



My Lord Jesus Christ,  
Thou hast made this journey  
to die for me  
with love unutterable,  
and I have so many times  
Unworthily abandoned Thee;  
but now I love Thee  
with my whole heart,  
And because I love Thee  
I repent sincerely for  
having ever offended Thee.  
Pardon me, my God,  
and permit me to accompany  
Thee on this journey.  
Thou goest to die for love of me;  
I wish also,  
my beloved Redeemer,  
to die for love of Thee.  
My Jesus,  
I will live and die  
always united to Thee.

Amen

Be kind to one another,  
Check up on your friends and family,  
Give your fellow parishioners a call,  
Share the Truth of the Gospel,  
Share this Newsletter with them.

**Christ is counting on us**

## CATHOLIC RESOURCES

### Saint Malachy:

Web Site-

<http://www.saintmalachychurch.org/>

And Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/StMalachyChurch/>

Cable Television:

**EWTN** (Eternal Word Television Network)

Livestreamed via Internet, or

ATT U-Verse Channel 562

WOW Channel 44

Comcast/Xfinity 393

**EWTN** Website: <https://www.ewtn.com/>

EWTN can be downloaded to your computer, phone,  
or TV (free channel)

Videos On-Demand

<https://video.ewtn.com/>

**Religious Catalogue** for Books, Videos. Devotional  
Items, other:

<https://www.ewtnreligiouscatalogue.com/>

**Archdiocese of Detroit:**

<https://www.aod.org/>

Detroit Catholic Daily News

<https://detroitcatholic.com/>

**Shalom World TV**

<https://www.shalomworld.org>

**Ave Maria Radio**

<https://avemariaradio.net/>

Download live or recorded programs

**United States Council of Catholic bishops**

Policy, Bible (Scriptures) and More

<http://www.usccb.org/>

Download daily scripture to your phone. Appears  
around 6:30 am every morning

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/>

**Word on Fire** (bishop Robert Barron)

Daily Readings and Reflection; Books and Videos

<https://www.wordonfire.org/>

**Dynamic Catholic** (Matthew Kelly)

Sign up for "Best Lent Ever" daily messages and  
reflections

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/>