

Saint of the Week

for November 4



November 5 is the Feast Day of
our Saint of the Week!

She is the patron saint of
pregnant women.

This week's saint comes from the priestly ancestry of Aaron (the brother of Moses), whom we hear about in the Old Testament. She was married to a temple priest Zachariah but they did not have any children.

Zachariah, who wanted a child, went to the temple to pray. He was visited by the Archangel Gabriel who told him to not be afraid, that his prayer had been heard and that his wife would give birth to a son and he was to be named "John."

Zachariah was very skeptical because both he and his wife were VERY OLD. Because of his unbelief in the prophecy, he could not speak until after his wife gave birth to a son. As the prophecy was fulfilled in the birth of a son, Zachariah was able to speak again.

Another interesting fact about this week's saint is that she was a cousin to Mary of Nazareth. Her cousin Mary came for a visit when she was 6 months pregnant (even though she had not shared the news ahead of time).

When Mary arrived, the baby leapt in the womb of our saint and she was filled with the Holy Spirit. The words she said are a part of a very special prayer that we pray—[The Magnificat](#). Look it up if you don't know it.

All things are possible with God!