

ANNUNCIATION

1. N. Darsane, Indonesian -- The Angel Whisperer Gabriel is a familiar and beloved puppet figure for Bali children and he is blowing the Word of God into Mary's ear. Mary inclines her head toward him while continuing her royal dance. Gabriel holds a lotus blossom, an Eastern symbol of purity.
2. Jesuit Brother Jerome Pryor - Mary as Ark of the Covenant, holds the child within her, and as you can see, He is the source of light in this image reflected in her hands, face and the trees behind her.
3. Albert Thomas, India. Mary carries jugs of water to the well and along the way Gabriel meets her with his Good News. In the East, the Annunciation takes place outdoors, while in the West, Mary is indoors, reading a book!!
4. Northern Cameroon, Africa -- Gabriel looks like the guy-next-door - no flamboyant wings, no lily. The setting is Mary's village where she is interrupted cooking a meal.
5. In an authentic Israeli peasant's house painted by an African American, Mary is startled not by a visible angel, but by a beautiful light that fills her humble home -- full of grace.

