

## Reflection Saturday Week 27 Month of the Holy Rosary 2022

The Gospel implies that for the disciple, biological relationship to Jesus is not as important as believing in him and his message and living it. Being a member of Jesus' family in this way, we become God's children, loved and cherished by God. And we are invited to love one another with the same unconditional love.

**St Augustine of Hippo** believes that "Mary was more blessed in accepting the faith of Christ than in conceiving the flesh of Christ. To someone who said, *"Blessed is the womb that bore you,"* Jesus replied, *"Rather, blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it."*

His relatives according to the flesh did not believe in him, of what advantage was that relationship for Mary? Even her maternal relationship would have done Mary no good, unless she had borne Christ more happily in her heart, than in her flesh."

**Michael Bickerstaff:** Jesus loves His Mother more than any of us are capable of loving her! According to her Magnificat, all generations will call her blessed. And here is a woman telling Mary's Son how blessed Mary is to have borne the Divine Child. In His reply, Jesus does not downplay the blessedness of Mary—far from it. Instead, Jesus points out the true reason for Mary's beatitude... her humble surrender and fiat to God. Who more than Mary has ever heard the Word of God and kept it?

Many do the things they do and make the choices they make, because they believe they will benefit from having done so. Fortunately, Jesus tells us the Truth! Our greatest blessedness comes from conforming our lives to His Will. Nothing else we do can have as wonderful a consequence for us as doing His Will.

**A man and his wife** were sitting together at home discussing his "Living Will."

Man: *Just so you know, I don't want to live in a vegetative state dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle.*

His wife rose, switched off the TV and threw out all the beer!!!