

Reflection Saturday 2nd Week Advent Our Lady of Loreto 2022

Since the Middle Ages the Holy House of Loreto has been visited by many faithful pilgrims to nourish their faith in the Word of God made flesh. The faithful and the sick have found consolation, the people of God have praised and pleaded with Mary using the Litany of Loreto throughout the world. She is the patron for all those who fly. Because of this, Pope Francis has decreed that the optional memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Loreto should be inscribed in the Roman Calendar on 10th December. This celebration offers help to all, especially families, young people and religious to imitate Mary in becoming perfect disciples of the Gospel, knowing that the Virgin Mother accepts us as her own.

We are reminded of the Transfiguration of Christ when he appeared in glory with Moses and Elijah, the Law and the Prophets. In so doing, God is fulfilling his promise to send us a Messiah, a Saviour.

The name Elijah means *The Lord is my God*. He was unafraid to witness to this. It was his encounter with God in the gentle breeze on the mountain that renewed and strengthened his faith. Jesus comes again to do the same for us.

A custom existed among the first generations of Christians, when faith was a bright fire that warmed more than those who kept it burning. In every house a room was kept ready for any stranger who might ask for shelter; it was even called "the strangers' room", not because the man or woman to whom they gave shelter reminded them of Christ, but because these people are Christ, asking us to find room for Him exactly as He did at the first Christmas. Dorothy Day

What's the worst sound on Saturday morning?

Alarm clocks!

What do cows do on Saturday nights?

They go to the moooovies.

Why are Saturday and Sunday so powerful?

Because all the others are week days.