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The Visitation

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The Visitation (2 July)

"And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord" (Lk 1:45).

With this greeting, the elderly Elizabeth exalts her young kinswoman Mary, who has come, humble and modest, to help her. Under the impulse of the Holy Spirit, the mother of the Baptist is the first in the history of the Church to begin to proclaim the marvels that God has brought about in the girl from Nazareth, and sees fully realised in Mary the bliss of faith, because she has believed there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.

We must reflect on what was the fundamental interior attitude of the Blessed Virgin with regard to God: her faith. Mary believed! She believed in the Lord's words, transmitted to her by the Angel Gabriel; at the Annunciation, her pure heart, already given entirely to God from her childhood, dilated in the generous and unconditional "Fiat" with which she agreed to become the Mother of the Messiah and Son of God. From that moment, taking her place more and more deeply in God's plan, she will let herself be led by the hand by mysterious Providence and for her whole life, rooted in faith, she will follow her Son spiritually, becoming his first and perfect "disciple" and carry-out in everyday life the requirements involved in following Jesus according to his own words: "Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me, cannot be my disciple" (Lk 14:27).

Thus Mary will advance throughout her life in her "pilgrimage of faith", while her beloved Son, misunderstood, slandered, condemned, crucified, will mark out for her, day after day, a painful way, the necessary premise for that glorification, sung in the "Magnificat": "all generations will call me blessed" (Lk 1:48). But first Mary, too, will have to go up to Calvary to be present, in sorrow, at the death of her Jesus.

The feast of the Visitation presents to us another aspect of Mary's inner life: her attitude of humble service and disinterested love for those in need. She has just heard from the Angel Gabriel of the state of her kinswoman Elizabeth, and at once she sets out for the hills "in haste" to reach a city of Judah, the present-day "Ain Karem". The meeting of the two Mothers is also the meeting between the Forerunner and the Messiah, who, through his Mother, begins to operate salvation by making John the Baptist leap with joy when still in his mother's womb.

"No man has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us... And this commandment we have from him, that he who loves God should love his brother also" (1 Jn 4:12.21), St John the evangelist will say. But who, better than Mary, had put this message into practice? And who, if not Jesus, whom she bore in her womb, urged her, stimulated her, inspired her to this continual attitude of generous service and disinterested love of others? "The Son of man came not to be served but to serve" (Mt 20:28), Jesus will say to his disciples; but his Mother had already carried out perfectly this attitude of her Son. Let us listen again to the famous comment, full of spiritual unction, that St Ambrose makes on Mary's journey: "Joyful to carry out her desire, delicate in her duty, thoughtful in her joy,

she hastened to the hills. Where, if not to the summits, was she, who was already full of God, to aspire with solicitous care? The grace of the Holy Spirit does not know obstacles which delay action.

And if we reflect with particular attention on the passage of the Letter to the Romans (cf. Rom 12:9-13), we realise that there emerges from it an effective image of the behaviour of the Blessed Virgin, for our edification: her charity knew no insincerity; she loved others deeply; fervent in spirit, she served the Lord; joyful in hope; strong in tribulation, persevering in prayer; solicitous for the needs of brothers.

"Joyful in hope": the atmosphere that pervades the evangelical episode of the Visitation is joy: the mystery of the Visitation is a mystery of joy. John the Baptist exults with joy in the womb of St Elizabeth; the latter, rejoicing in the gift of motherhood, bursts out into blessings of the Lord; Mary pours forth the "Magnificat", a hymn overflowing with Messianic joy.

But what is the mysterious, hidden source of this joy? It is Jesus, whom Mary has already conceived thanks to the Holy Spirit, and who is already beginning to defeat what is the root of fear, anguish and sadness: sin, the most humiliating slavery for man.

- St. John Paul II, 1979

Announcements

Catholic Family Life Conference – June 29-July 2, Lac-Ste-Anne.
<https://catholicfamilyministries.com/events-conferences>

Lac Ste Anne Pilgrimage - begun over a hundred years ago, has become the largest annual Catholic gathering in Western Canada. This year's pilgrimage takes place Saturday, July 21, to Thursday, July 26, at Lac Ste Anne, about 75 km northwest of Edmonton. For information: <http://lacsteannepilgrimage.ca>.

Skaro Shrine 100th Anniversary – Tuesday-Wednesday, August 14-15. For more information, email [SkaroPilgrimage100@gmail](mailto:SkaroPilgrimage100@gmail.com) or Jeanette Stecyk at lalashouse@shaw.ca.

Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, St, Albert – 80th Anniversary Pilgrimage: Saturday-Sunday, August 18-19. For more details check the website at <http://stalbertparish.com>

DAY	DATE	TIME	FEAST DAY
Sunday	1 July	4:00 p.m.	Feast of the Precious Blood (1 st cl.) Canada Day – no social after Mass
Monday	2 July	No Mass	Visitation of the Bl. Virgin Mary (2 nd cl.) <i>Commemoration: Sts. Processus & Matinianus</i>
Tuesday	3 July	7:30 a.m.	St. Irenaeus of Lyon, <i>Bishop & Martyr</i> (3 rd cl.)
Wednesday	4 July	7:30 a.m.	Feria (4 th cl.)
Thursday	5 July	7:30 a.m.	St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria, <i>Confessor</i> (3 rd cl.)
Friday	6 July	7:30 a.m.	Feria (4 th cl.)
Saturday	7 July	8:00 a.m.	Sts. Cyril & Methodius, <i>Bishops & Confessors</i> (3 rd cl.)
Sunday	8 July	4:00 p.m.	7 th Sunday after Pentecost (2 nd cl.)
Monday	9 July	No Mass	Feria (4 th cl.)
Tuesday	10 July	No Mass	7 Holy Brothers & Sts. Rufina & Secunda, <i>Martyrs</i> (3 rd cl.)
Wednesday	11 July	No Mass	Feria (4 th cl.) <i>Commemoration: St. Pius I</i>
Thursday	12 July	No Mass	St. John Gualbert, <i>Abbot</i> (3 rd cl.) <i>Sts. Nabor & Felix</i>
Friday	13 July	No Mass	Feria (4 th cl.)
Saturday	14 July	8:00 a.m.	St. Bonaventure, <i>Doctor, Bishop, Confessor</i> (3 rd cl.)
Sunday	15 July	4:00 p.m.	8 th Sunday after Pentecost (2 nd cl.)
Monday	16 July	No Mass	Feria (4 th cl.) <i>Commemoration: O.L. Mt. Carmel</i>
Tuesday	17 July	No Mass	Feria (4 th cl.) <i>Commemoration: Alexis</i>
Wednesday	18 July	No Mass	St. Camillus of Lellis, <i>Confessor</i> (3 rd cl.) <i>Commemoration: St. Symphorosa & Sons</i>
Thursday	19 July	No Mass	St. Vincent de Paul, <i>Confessor</i> (3 rd cl.)
Friday	20 July	No Mass	St. Jerome Emiliani, <i>Confessor</i> (3 rd cl.) <i>Commemoration: St. Margarita</i>
Saturday	21 July	8:00 a.m.	St. Laurence of Brindisi, <i>Confessor, Doctor</i> (3 rd cl.) <i>Commemoration: St. Praxedes</i>
Sunday	22 July	4:00 p.m.	9 th Sunday after Pentecost (2 nd cl.)
Monday	23 July	No Mass	St. Apollinaris, <i>Bishop & Martyr</i> (3 rd cl.) <i>Commemoration: St. Liborius</i>
Tuesday	24 July	No Mass	Feria (4 th cl.) <i>Commemoration: St. Christina</i>
Wednesday	25 July	No Mass	St. James the Greater, <i>Apostle</i> (2 nd cl.) <i>St. Christopher</i>
Thursday	26 July	No Mass	St. Anne, <i>Mother of Mary</i> (2 nd cl.)
Friday	27 July	No Mass	Feria (4 th cl.) <i>Commemoration: St. Pantaleon</i>
Saturday	28 July	8:00 a.m.	Sts. Nazarius, Celsus, et al., <i>Martyrs</i> (3 rd cl.)
Sunday	29 July	4:00 p.m.	10 th Sunday after Pentecost (2 nd cl.)