



Friends of Jesus and Mary XX Sunday in Ordinary Time

Revelations 11, 19a; 12, 1-6a. 10ab; Psalm 44; 1 Corinthians 15, 20-27; Luke 1, 39-56

Solemnity of the Holy Virgin Mary – The Visitation

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, and has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever." Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

Reflection

The Virgin Mary's cousin, Elizabeth, was married to Zachariah who was a Jewish priest. Advanced in age, they were not able to have children. After the angel told her that her cousin was with child, Mary rushed over to help her. When Mary arrived, what did Elizabeth feel? (Upon hearing Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb and she was filled with the Holy Spirit.) What familiar words did she first exclaim? ("Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!") Where do we hear these words? (The Hail Mary) Although Elizabeth was her older cousin, she felt small in the presence of the Mother of God. What did she say about Mary's visit? (And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?) How does Mary respond? (Mary responds with humility, "God my Savior has looked with favor on his lowly servant.") Why does she call herself a lowly servant? (The Virgin Mary was always open to doing God's will in her life.) Mary states "He (God) has come to the help of his servant Israel for he remembered His promise of mercy...to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever." What promise did He make to Abraham? (Although Abraham and Sarah were old and could not have children, God promised their descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the sky.) How does God keep His promise? (God sends them a son, Isaac. Jesus, the Savior, descends from Isaac and His numerous followers become adopted children of God. You are a descendant of Abraham.)



Activity

On the following page, fill the blanks with the appropriate syllables. Draw or glue an image of the Virgin Mary in the chapel. Write how you can take Jesus to others. On the last page, watch the video on the Assumption,

Prayer

Lord, make me humble like my Mother Mary so Jesus may live in my heart. Send your Holy Spirit and fill me with love so I may love and serve you more and love and serve my neighbor more like Mary did. **Amen.**

Song: Mama Mary, (Ctrl Clck) <https://youtu.be/v0kcAWZ9qOA>

PPT: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Rh1upoXm6sHes-CGcvu07-fEYTS8uyQ/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtfpof=true&sd=true>



The Mother of the Lord comes to visit me.

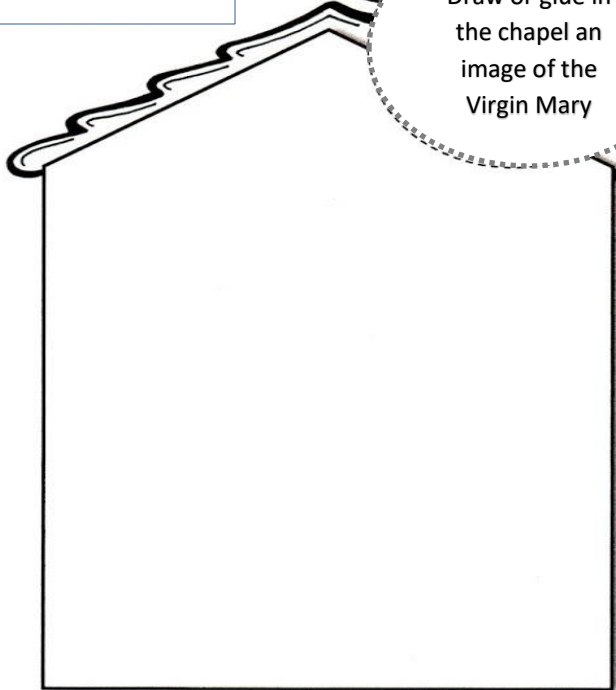
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"My _____ pro_____ the _____ness of the Lord; my spir_____ _____joices in God _____vior."

Replace the blanks with the following syllables:
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Draw or glue in the chapel an image of the Virgin Mary



How can I take Jesus to others?

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Solution: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.



Assumption of the Virgin Mary August 15

It is a dogma of faith or an absolute truth of the faith, infallible, revealed by God through Sacred Scripture or by Sacred Tradition. Once proclaimed, it cannot be negated, not even by the Pope or council decision.

We celebrate when the body and soul of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, was glorified and taken to Heaven at the end of her earthly life.

The Church tells us that the resurrection of the body will happen at the end of time. But for Mary, this act was advanced by singular privilege.

Virgin Mary, Mother of God and my Mother in Heaven,
I love you with all my heart.
Pray for us, so we may one day be with you in Heaven. Amen.



YouTube movie: Feast of the Assumption, prayersforusa
(Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/HWJD6ZaWaAo>