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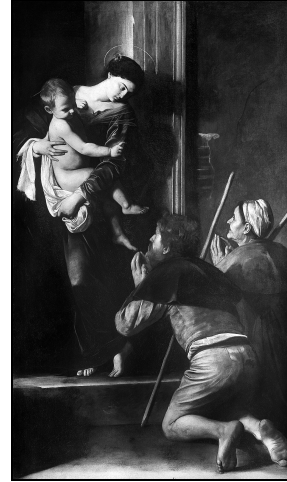
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TODAY'S MEMORIAL

December 10: Our Lady of Loreto.

The Holy House of Loreto, on Italy's Adriatic coast, is venerated as the house of Nazareth where the Word was made flesh. Pilgrims have come to it since the Middle Ages, among them popes, saints and countless sick people. Pope Francis placed this optional memorial in the General Roman Calendar in 2019.



Madonna of Loreto, Caravaggio (c. 1604–06), Sant'Agostino, Rome

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I am the LORD, your God, who grasp your right hand; It is I who say to you, 'Fear not, I will help you.'"

—Isaiah 41:13 (today's first reading)

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Q: Our Lady of Loreto is patroness of which travelers?

A: Air travelers and pilots, so named by Pope Benedict XV in 1920.

FROM THE ROMAN MARTYROLOGY

✙ **St. Eulalia**, a young virgin martyred at Mérida in Spain under Diocletian, praised in a hymn by the poet Prudentius.

PRAYER TO MARY, QUEEN OF THE ANGELS

August Queen of Heaven, Sovereign Mistress of the Angels, thou who from the beginning hast received from God the power and mission to crush the head of satan, we humbly beseech thee to send thy holy angels that under thy command and by thy power they may pursue the evil spirits, encounter them on every side, resist their bold attacks, and drive them into the abyss of eternal woe. ... O good and tender Mother, thou shalt ever be our love and our hope.

(St. Lucy Prayer Book)

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Mary, House of gold, Pray for us.

Recommended Prayer Brochure: M10 Loretto Paraphrased super brochure2



Daily Gospel Word Find Puzzle

(Matthew 11:11-15, December 10, 2026)

Find the all-capitalized words in bold print.

E	Y	A	T	W	F	V	K	E	J	B	P	D	F	D
B	A	P	T	I	S	T	I	I	L	O	O	K	R	I
F	C	R	K	V	G	C	A	O	N	I	H	R	S	C
I	C	O	S	I	T	R	G	K	L	G	J	N	N	R
F	E	P	R	O	P	H	E	S	I	E	D	A	I	O
O	P	H	D	L	U	H	E	A	V	E	N	O	H	W
R	T	E	A	E	L	E	A	S	T	F	N	C	M	D
C	L	T	Y	N	A	S	U	F	F	E	R	S	E	S
E	U	S	S	T	W	W	O	M	E	N	R	H	N	S

Jesus said to the **CROWDS**:
“Amen, I say to you,
among those **BORN** of **WOMEN**
there has been none **GREATER** than **JOHN**
the **BAPTIST**;
yet the **LEAST** in the **KINGDOM** of
HEAVEN is greater than he.
From the **DAYS** of John the Baptist until now,
the Kingdom of heaven **SUFFERS**
VIOLENCE,

and the **VIOLENT** are taking it by **FORCE**.
All the **PROPHETS** and the **LAW**
PROPHESED up to the time of John.
And if you are willing to **ACCEPT** it,
he is **ELIJAH**, the one who is to come.
Whoever has **EARS** ought to hear.”

Gospel text: Lectionary for Mass (USCCB), Thursday of the Second Week of Advent.

FROM THE CATECHISM

99. In what sense is Mary “ever Virgin”?

Mary is ever virgin in the sense that she “remained a virgin in conceiving her Son, a virgin in giving birth to him, a virgin in carrying him, a virgin in nursing him at her breast, always a virgin” (Saint Augustine). Therefore, when the Gospels speak of the “brothers and sisters of Jesus”, they are talking about the close relations of Jesus, according to the way of speaking used in Sacred Scripture.

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Q. 99