

Thursday, December 10, 2020
Thursday of the Second Week of Advent
Our Lady of Loreto

Today's optional memorial for Our Lady of Loreto was instituted by Pope Francis only last year on October 31, so this is the second year we have the opportunity to celebrate this memorial of Our Lady. How fitting during these Marian days of the Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8) and the visions of St. Juan Diego (Dec. 9) of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dec. 12) – four visions in total: two on Dec. 9, one on Dec. 10, and the last on Dec. 12.

From the ORDO: “the Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto recalls the mystery of the Incarnation. Since the Middle Ages, veneration of the Holy House of Loreto has powerfully illustrated the evangelical virtues of the Holy Family. A Marian Litany, also known as the Litany of Loreto, has its known origins at the Shrine of Our Lady of Loreto (Italy), where its usage was recorded as early as 1558.”

Below, Pope Francis praying at the Holy House of Loreto.
Our Lady of Loreto, pray for us!

God Love You!

Fr. Jim Starasovich

