

DECEMBER LITURGY REMINDER

Pope Francis has decreed that the feast of Our Lady of Loreto be included in the Roman Calendar as an optional memorial to be celebrated on December 10. The Collect prayer for the new celebration is identical to one already found in the *Roman Missal*, in the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Advent (*second option for the Collect - "O God, who, fulfilling the promise made to our Fathers..."*).

When celebrating Our Lady of Loreto, use the rest of the formulary – Prayer over the Offerings, Preface, Prayer after Communion, and Entrance and Communion Antiphons – from this section under the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Advent. White vestments are worn.

Aside from the usual Mass readings of the day, any Lectionary readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary may be used for Our Lady of Loreto.

The following readings are also recommended by the Holy See:

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First Reading:	Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10 (no. 707-7) <i>The virgin shall conceive and bear a son.</i>
Responsorial Psalm:	Luke 1:46-47, 48-49, 50-51, 52-53, 54-55 (no. 709-5) <i>R. The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.</i> <i>or:</i> <i>R. O Blessed Virgin Mary, you carried the Son of the eternal Father.</i>
Gospel Acclamation:	See Luke 1:28 (no. 711-1) <i>Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women.</i>
Gospel:	Luke 1:26-38 (no. 712-4) <i>Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son.</i>

Office of Readings, Morning Prayer, and Evening Prayer

Psalmody of the day. Other elements from the Psalter of the day or the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, except for the following:

Prayer:	O God, who, fulfilling the promise made to our Fathers, chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to become the Mother of the Savior, grant that we may follow her example, for her humility was pleasing to you and her obedience profitable to us. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
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The Litany of Loreto may be used: <https://www.eriercd.org/images/sections/bishop/pdf/litanybvm.pdf>