



Daily Reflections

December 23, 2018

Scripture

Luke 1: 39-45

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."

Our Scripture Reflection

Yes, only Mary will ever have had the honor and privilege of carrying the Savior of the world. But you can carry Him about in another way: You can wear His cross, You can carry Him by the way You reveal His Presence in Your life. When people see you can they see Him? Once, there was a poster in the back of a Church in Sarasota, Florida which read: "If they arrested you and put you on trial for being a Christian, could they find enough evidence to convict you?"

Food for your Journey

A pastor startled his members one Sunday morning by asking the question: "What have you done today that nobody but a Christian would do?"

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear God, As I prepare to receive Baby Jesus on Christmas, May I look at Him lying in the manger as I never have before. May I pick Him up and place Him in my heart and love Him as I never have before. May I resolve to carry Him everywhere I go during this holy season and throughout the coming year. Amen