

Sister's Spin

December 10, 2021

In October of 2019, Pope Francis officially added to the Church Calendar a feast in honor of the Holy House of Loreto. What is extraordinary about this feast is that it celebrates the house in which it is believed our Lady was born and in which she received the vision of Gabriel as described in the Gospel of Luke. Church Tradition tells us that this house was transported by angels to various sites, eventually being set down in the little town of Loreto. Archeologists have studied its three walls and many have concluded that these stones are of Palestinian origin, dating back to the time of Christ. There are many inscriptions, letters from popes, and other saints, all attesting to the authenticity of this little house and its being carried by angels to its final resting place. This feast day, set here in the Advent Season, serves to remind us of the vital role Mary plays in the birth of Jesus and in Salvation History. While Mary and Joseph may have lived in many houses, it may have been in this little house that Mary prepared for her marriage to Joseph and prepared items for the baby she was expecting. As we move closer to the feast of Christmas, it is good to take time to be with Mary, to sit with her and talk about her preparations, and to ask her to help us to once again prepare our own hearts to receive and welcome her Son.

For those who want more on this little house, there is a wonderful website--just type in Holy House of Loreto and you will find many sites with more information. Happy Gaudete Weekend--Rejoice, the Lord is near!

-Sister Marcianne

