**The Mighty One has done great things for me**

**TUESDAY DICEMBER 22 (Lk 1,46-55)**

The Book of Wisdom tells us that from visible things we can arrive to know their author. Not to know the Mystery of the Author, but his beauty and omnipotence: “*For all men were by nature foolish who were in ignorance of God, and who from the good things seen did not succeed in knowing him who is, and from studying the works did not discern the artisan; But either fire, or wind, or the swift air, or the circuit of the stars, or the mighty water, or the luminaries of heaven, the governors of the world, they considered gods. Now if out of joy in their beauty they thought them gods, let them know how far more excellent is the Lord than these; for the original source of beauty fashioned them. Or if they were struck by their might and energy, let them from these things realize how much more powerful is he who made them. For from the greatness and the beauty of created things their original author, by analogy, is seen. But yet, for these the blame is less; For they indeed have gone astray perhaps, though they seek God and wish to find him. For they search busily among his works, but are distracted by what they see, because the things seen are fair. But again, not even these are pardonable. For if they so far succeeded in knowledge that they could speculate about the world, how did they not more quickly find its LORD? (Wis 13,1-9).* The Psalm instead reveals to us that day and night the heavens narrate the glory of their Creator and Lord: *The heavens declare the glory of God; the firmament proclaims the works of his hands. Day unto day pours forth speech; night unto night whispers knowledge. There is no speech, no words; their voice is not heard; A report goes forth through all the earth, their messages, to the ends of the world. He has pitched in them a tent for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom from his canopy, and like a hero joyfully runs its course. From one end of the heavens it comes forth; its course runs through to the other; nothing escapes its heat. (Ps 19 1-7).* With the Virgin Mary it is as if the Lord had worked the other way around. He hid this great mystery from the eyes of every man. Whoever wants to know him must place himself in great humility before the Holy Spirit and implore crumbs of knowledge from him. The Holy Spirit does not easily grant his light so that the mystery of Mary is seen in the fullness of its light. He wants his revelation to be appreciated and always desired, always preferred, always requested and invoked. Those who do not place themselves in humility before the Spirit of God see nothing of this mystery and think of the Mother of God as a woman like all other women. While the Lord has really done great things for her.

*And Mary said:  "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior. For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed. The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is from age to age to those who fear him. He has shown might with his arm, dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart.He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones but lifted up the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things; the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped Israel his servant, remembering his mercy, according to his promise to our fathers, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."*

The mystery of the Mother of God is so high, deep, and wide. Not only God did it without any limit or measure, but he also wanted it so hidden and almost secret, that he always revealed it in small details. We still do not know who the Mother of God is in front of God, humankind, the Angels, the visible and invisible universe. The Holy Spirit leads us with great slowness. He wants us to taste all its beauty and only then will He open the seal and reveal other details or other pages of her mystery. The Christian, being elevated to the dignity of son of His Mother by Christ Jesus, is obliged not only to love the Mother of God, he must also know Her in the fullness of truth so that he can announce Her to every other man, and offering Her as his own, True Mother, for the conversion to Christ Jesus to born of water and the Holy Spirit, as body of Christ and true adopted child of the Father.

Angels, Saints, obtain for us a very great grace: that we can grow more and more in the knowledge and love of the Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our Mother.