

# October 12th: Our Lady of the Pillar

**Gospel text (Lk 11,27-28): As Jesus was speaking, a woman spoke from the crowd and said to him, «Blessed is the one who bore you and nursed you!». Jesus replied, «Surely blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it as well».**



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**Today, this compliment is accepted by the Lord who, while pleased, prefers to add: «Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it» (Lk 11:28). It could be said that a new beatitude has been added. Mary is the Mother of the Church. Mary is the mother of all those who sincerely accept the God's Word and try to happily fulfill it as her children.**

**—Mary teaches us that believing in the word of God (to listen to it and to practice it) represents a radical change in our everyday life.**