

Today is the feast of St. Lucy.

Although one week away from the shortest day of the year; traditionally St. Lucy's day was celebrated as such - especially in the Scandinavian countries.

St. Lucy's mother suffered with a chronic illness, and trusting in the healing power of Christ through the intercession of the saints, she urged her mother to pray for a cure. Miraculously her mother was cured; and St. Lucy received a vision of St. Agatha who foretold St. Lucy's martyrdom.

Today's reading from Matthew's Gospel calls us to do what we say; and say what we mean. We also hear in Isaiah's prophecy:

*I will change and purify  
the lips of the peoples,  
That they all may call upon the name of the LORD,  
to serve him with one accord*

Let us pray for such a transformation that we might call upon God in faith - expecting a miracle to transform our hearts, our lives, and our world.