



### *SANTO: OUR LADY OF SOLITUDE*

“Our Lady of Solitude” is the title given to Mary and to a special form of Marian devotion to commemorate the solitude of Mary on Holy Saturday. The word solitude refers to Mary in the act of contemplating the death of her son, Jesus. It is both a physical and psychological solitude that only a mother can know with the death of a child. In this way she is isolated from all others around her on Holy Saturday (the Saturday between Good Friday and Easter Sunday).

Our Lady of Solitude is usually shown dressed as a nun in black and white, hands clasped in prayer and sometimes contemplating symbols of Christ’s passion. She is patroness of the bereaved, consolation, a happy death and against loneliness.