



St Joseph of Cupertino, O.F.M. Conv. (1603 –1663) was an Italian Conventual Franciscan friar who is honoured as a Christian mystic. He was said to have been remarkably unclever, but prone to miraculous levitation (flying) and intense ecstatic visions that left him gaping. He is the patron of Aviators, Flying & Studying

First Reading: (1 Cor 15:12-20) If Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in

Christ, we are of all men most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Ps 16:1, 6-8, 15

R./ I shall be filled, Lord, with the sight of your glory.

Gospel: (Lk 8:1-3) Jesus went on through cities and villages, preaching and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their means.

Reflection: The gospels present Jesus as an itinerant preacher. True to His own teaching, He carries nothing for the journey. He lives on the providential care of the Father, totally dependent on God. This gospel passage is an affirmation of the involvement of women in the ministry of Jesus. Today's gospel points out one of the chief characteristics of the women who accompanied Jesus – they assisted Jesus “out of their means.” They were generous and willing to help. **If we claim ourselves to be the disciples of Jesus, what is the distinguishing characteristic that we have acquired?**