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**Jan. 1 – Francis: we are called to immerse ourselves in the ocean of mercy – Translated extracts (January 1, 2016, VIS).**

“We have heard the words of the Apostle Paul: 'When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman'.

... At the beginning of a new year, the Church invites us to contemplate Mary's divine maternity as an icon of peace. The ancient promise finds fulfilment in her person. She believed in the words of the angel, conceived her Son and thus became the Mother of the Lord. Through her, through her 'yes', the fullness of time came about. The Gospel we have just heard tells us that the Virgin Mary 'treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart'. She appears to us as a vessel filled to the brim with the memory of Jesus, as the Seat of Wisdom to whom we can have recourse to understand His teaching aright. Today Mary makes it possible for us to grasp the meaning of events which affect us personally, events which also affect our families, our countries and the entire world.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<http://visnews-en.blogspot.com/2016/01/francis-we-are-called-to-immersed.html>

**Jan. 1 – Angelus Address – Translated conclusion (January 5, 2016, ZENIT.org).**

May the Queen of Peace, Mother of God, whose Solemnity we celebrate today, help us in this. She “kept all these things, pondering them in her heart” (Luke 2:19). Hopes and concerns, gratitude and problems: everything that happened in life became a prayer, a dialogue with God in Mary's heart. And she does this also for us: she keeps the joys and loosens the knots of our life, taking them to the Lord.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

[http://www.zenit.org/en/articles/angelus-address-jan-1-on-discovering-god-s-face?utm\\_campaign=dailyhtml&utm\\_content=\[ZE160105\]%20The%20world%20seen%20from%20Rome&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=dispatch&utm\\_term=Image](http://www.zenit.org/en/articles/angelus-address-jan-1-on-discovering-god-s-face?utm_campaign=dailyhtml&utm_content=[ZE160105]%20The%20world%20seen%20from%20Rome&utm_medium=email&utm_source=dispatch&utm_term=Image)

**Jan. 1 -- Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - Holy Mass and Opening of the Holy Door – Translated beginning (January 1, 2016, Vatican.va).**

Salve, Mater Misericordiae! With this invocation we turn to the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Roman Basilica dedicated to her under the title of Mother of God. It is the first line of an ancient hymn which we will sing at the conclusion of this Holy Eucharist. Composed by an unknown author, it has come down to us as a heartfelt prayer spontaneously rising up from the hearts of the faithful: 'Hail Mother of mercy, Mother of God, Mother of forgiveness, Mother of hope, Mother of grace and Mother full of holy gladness'. In these few words we find a summary of the faith of generations of men and women who, with their eyes fixed firmly on the icon of the Blessed Virgin, have sought her intercession and consolation.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/events/event.dir.html/content/vaticanevents/en/2016/1/1/portasantasmmaggiore.html>

**Jan. 3 – Angelus Address – Translated conclusion (January 4, 2016, ZENIT.org).**

With a renewed burst of filial abandonment, let us entrust ourselves once again to Mary: Let us contemplate the sweet image of the mother of Jesus and our mother in these days of the manger.

**Jan. 6 – Homily of His Holiness Pope Francis – Translated conclusion (January 6, 2016, Vatican.va).**

We are challenged to go to Bethlehem, to find the Child and his Mother.

**Jan. 6 – Angelus Address – Translated extracts (January 6, 2016, ZENIT.org).**

And there “they saw the child with Mary his Mother, and they fell down and worshipped him.” (Matthew 2:11). ....

May the Virgin Mary, who received the Magi at Bethlehem, help us to raise our gaze from ourselves, to let ourselves be guided by the star of the Gospel to meet Jesus, and to be able to abase ourselves to adore Him.

**Jan. 6 – Merciful like the Father: message for the Jubilee of Mercy for the young – Translated conclusion (January 14, 2016, VIS).**

For you and your families, and for all who help you to grow in goodness and in grace, may the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of us all, be true Door of Mercy.

**Jan. 10 – Angelus Address – Translated conclusion (January 10, 2016, ZENIT.org).**

The Virgin Mary, the first disciple of her Son, Jesus, helps us to live our Baptism with joy and apostolic zeal, receiving, every day, the gift of the Holy Spirit, Who makes us children of God.

**Jan. 10 – Pope's Homily at Baptism of 26 Babies in Sistine Chapel – Translated beginning (January 10, 2016, ZENIT.org).**

Forty days after His birth, Jesus was taken to the Temple. Mary and Joseph took him to present Him to God.

**Jan. 12 – Pope Francis: "the prayers of the faithful work miracles" – Translated summary of homily (January 12, 2016, Vatican Radio).**

The Pope also recalled the story of a man in Buenos Aires whose 9-year-old-daughter was dying in hospital. He said he spent the night at the shrine of the Virgin of Luján clinging to the gate and praying for the grace of healing. The next morning, when he returned to the hospital, his daughter was healed.

**Jan. 13 -- *The Name of God is Mercy: A conversation with Andrea Torielli* – Translated passage from the book, 14-15.**

When [Father José Romón Aristi] heard a confession he gave his rosary to the penitents and made them hold the little cross in their hands, then he used it to absolve them, and last of all he asked them to kiss it. ... I saw the rosary wrapped around his hands.

For more of what the pope said about Mary,

*The Name of God is Mercy: A conversation with Andrea Torielli.* Translated by Oonagh Stransky. New York: Random House, 2016.

**Jan. 17 – Angelus Address – Translated beginning (January 17, 2016, ZENIT.org).**

This Sunday's Gospel presents the miraculous event which took place in Cana, a village in Galilee, during a wedding party in which also Mary, Jesus, and His first disciples were present (cf. Jn 2,1-11). The mother, Mary, makes her Son notice that the wine ran out, and Jesus, after having said to her that His hour has not yet come, however, grants her request and gives the spouses the best wine of the entire celebration.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<http://zenit.org/articles/angelus-address-jan-17-on-accepting-miracles/>

**Jan. 18 -- Pope's Address to Vatican Security Personnel – Translated extract (January 19, 2016, ZENIT.org).**

Christmastide has just ended, but in many places – such as here in Saint Peter’s Square – the Crib is still exhibited, which invites us to keep within ourselves, following the example of Our Lady, the mystery we have celebrated. Mary has offered us Jesus as the beginning of a new life.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<http://zenit.org/articles/popes-address-to-vatican-security-personnel/>

**Jan. 21 – Pope’s Address to Those Who Aid, Welcome Pilgrims – Translated beginning (January 21, 2016, ZENIT.org).**

To go on pilgrimage to shrines is one of the most eloquent expressions of the faith of the People of God, and it manifests the piety of generations of persons, who believed with simplicity and entrusted themselves to the intercession of the Virgin Mary .... We think of how, in some of these places, the prayer to Christ Crucified is understood, or that of the Rosary, or the Via Crucis.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<http://zenit.org/articles/popes-address-to-those-who-aid-welcome-pilgrims/>

**Jan. 22 – Pope’s Address to Tribunal of Roman Rota – Translated conclusion (January 22, 2016, ZENIT.org).**

May Our Lady and Saint Joseph obtain for the Church to grow in the spirit of the family and to families to feel increasingly a living and active part of the People of God.

**Jan. 24 – Angelus – Translated conclusion (January 24, 2016, Vatican.va).**

May the Virgin Mary, Mother of evangelizers, help us to strongly perceive the hunger and thirst for the Gospel that there is in the world, especially in the hearts and the flesh of the poor. May she enable each of us and every Christian community to tangibly bear witness to the mercy, the great mercy that Christ has given us.

**Jan. 25 – Pope’s Address to Pontifical Lombard Seminary – Translated conclusion (January 25, 2016, ZENIT.org).**

Henceforth, when I go to the Basilica of Saint Mary Major, I will think of this meeting and I will remember you before the Virgin Mother.

**Jan. 29 – Pope’s Address to Congregation for Doctrine of the Faith – Translated conclusion (January 29, 2016, ZENIT.org).**

May ... Our Lady protect you.

**Jan. 30 – Jubilee Audience: On the Joy of Meeting the Lord – Translated conclusion (February 1, 2016, ZENIT.org).**

And I invite you to pray a Hail Mary for the eternal peace and eternal joy of the lady, whose name was Elvira, ...

**Jan. 31 – Angelus – Translated conclusion (January 31, 2016, Vatican.va).**

Surely that day, in the synagogue of Nazareth, Mary, his Mother, was also there. We can imagine her heart beating, a small foreboding of what she will suffer under the Cross, seeing Jesus, there in the synagogue, first admired, then challenged, then insulted, threatened with death. In her heart, filled with faith, she kept every thing. May she help us to convert from a god of miracles to the miracle of God, who is Jesus Christ.