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## Marian Thoughts of Pope Francis



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### **May 3 – General Audience –Translated conclusion (May 3, 2017, Vatican.va).**

May the Holy Family of Nazareth, who migrated to the banks of the River Nile to flee from Herod's violence, bless and always protect the people of Egypt and guide them to the path of prosperity, fraternity and peace.

For more of what the pope said about Mary (including greetings):

[http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2017/documents/papa-francesco\\_20170503\\_udienza-generale.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2017/documents/papa-francesco_20170503_udienza-generale.html)

### **May 3 – Pope to Poland: 'Seek Truth, the Common Good and Peace' (Audience) – Translated extract (May 3, 2017, Zenit.org).**

I greet the Poles warmly. Today is the solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Poland, and your national holiday. Listen with love and attention to the indications of your Queen, whom you address saying: "You are the great honor of our nation."

### **May 3 – For Mary's Month of May, Pope Suggests 'Simple,' 'Effective' Praying of Rosary (Audience) –Translated extract (May 3, 2017, Zenit.org).**

At the beginning of May, let us invoke the heavenly intercession of Mary, Mother of Jesus.

For more of what the pope said about Mary (including greetings):

<https://zenit.org/articles/for-marys-month-of-may-pope-suggests-simple-effective-prayer-of-rosary/>

### **May 4 – Pope's Address to Participants in the Frist Plenary Assembly of the Secretariat for Communications –Translated conclusion (May 4, 2017, Vatican.va).**

... I invoke the Lord's blessing upon all of you, through the intercession of Mary Most Holy Mother of the Church, who, with her tenderness, always watches over us.

**May 7– Regina Caeli –Translated conclusion (May 7, 2017, Vatican.va).**

let us invoke the Virgin Mary: May she accompany the 10 new priests whom I have just ordained.... May Our Lady offer her help in support of those who are called by Him, that they may be ready and generous in following his voice.

**May 8 – Ahead of Fatima Trip, Pope Urges Portuguese Pontifical College to Turn to ‘Our Lady’ –Translated extract (May 8, 2017, Zenit.org).**

In Portugal, this wish will bring – God willing – in person, in my now imminent pilgrimage to the Shrine of Fatima, where a hundred years ago the Madonna appeared to the three little shepherds.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/ahead-of-fatima-trip-pope-urges-portuguese-pontifical-college-to-turn-to-our-lady/>

**May 8 – Pope’s Words to the Pontifical Swiss Guard on Occasion of Swearing in of New Recruits –Translated conclusion (May 8, 2017, Zenit.org).**

... I invoke upon you the protection of the Holy Virgin ...

**May 8 – Pope Highlights 3 Aspects of Ignatian Style (Audience) –Translated conclusion (May 8, 2017, Zenit.org).**

Through the intercession of Mary, Queen of the Apostles ..., may the Lord grant you to continue with joy and fidelity on your path, following the luminous tradition of which you are part.

**May 10 – General Audience –Translated extract (May 10, 2017, Vatican.va).**

In our series of catecheses on Christian hope, today we look to Mary, Mother of Hope. Mary experienced more than one night on her journey as mother. Since her first appearance in the narrative of the Gospels, her figure stands out as if she were a character in a drama.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

[http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2017/documents/papa-francesco\\_20170510\\_udienza-generale.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2017/documents/papa-francesco_20170510_udienza-generale.html)

**May 11 – Pope Sends Video-Message for Visit to Fatima –Translated extract (May 11, 2017, Zenit.org).**

Only a few days remain before our pilgrimage, mine and yours, to the feet of Our Lady of Fatima. These are days of joy in expectation of our encounter in the home of Mary our Mother.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/pope-sends-video-message-for-visit-to-fatima-full-text/>

**May 12 – ‘Pilgrims With Mary... But Which Mary?’ Pope Francis Asks in Fatima – Translated extract (May 12, 2017, Zenit.org).**

Dear Pilgrims to Mary and with Mary!

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/pilgrims-with-mary-but-which-mary-pope-francis-asks-in-fatima/>

**May 12 – Pope’s Words to Journalists During Flight to Portugal –Translated extract (May 12, 2017, Zenit.org).**

...it is a journey of prayer, of encounter with the Lord and with the Holy Mother of God.

**May 12 – Pope Francis Offers Prayer at Sanctuary of Fatima –Translated extract (May 12, 2017, Zenit.org).**

Hail Holy Queen,  
Blessed Virgin of Fatima,  
Lady of Immaculate Heart ...

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/pope-francis-offers-prayer-at-shrine-of-fatima-full-text/>

**May 13 – Pope’s Homily at Canonization Mass for Jacinta & Francisco Marto in Fatima – Translated extract (May 13, 2017, Fatima, Zenit.org).**

Then, in the Gospel, we hear Jesus say to his disciple, “Here is your mother” (Jn 19:27).

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/popes-homily-at-canonization-mass-for-jacinta-francisco-marto-in-fatima/>

**May 13 – Pope’s Words to the Sick in Fatima –Translated extract (May 13, 2017, Fatima, Zenit.org).**

Today the Virgin Mary asks all of us the same question that, a hundred years ago, she asked the shepherd children: “Do you want to offer yourselves to God?”

**May 14 – Regina Caeli –Translated conclusion (May 14, 2017, Vatican.va).**

Yesterday evening, I returned from my pilgrimage to Fatima — let us greet Our Lady of Fatima — and today’s Marian prayer takes on a special meaning, laden with memories and prophesy for those who look at history through the eyes of faith.

For more of what the pope said about Mary (including greetings):

[http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2017/documents/papa-francesco\\_regina-coeli\\_20170514.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2017/documents/papa-francesco_regina-coeli_20170514.html)

**May 15 – Pope’s In Flight Presser After Visit to Fatima –Translated extract (May 15, 2017, Zenit.org).**

The bishop of white, Our Lady of white, the white glow of the innocence of children after Baptism and innocence...there is a connection to the color white in that prayer.

For more of what the pope said about Mary (including greetings):

<https://zenit.org/articles/popes-in-flight-presser-after-visit-to-fatima/>

**May 17 – General Audience (Greetings) –Translated conclusion (May 17, 2017, Vatican.va).**

May the visit to the Tombs of the Apostles during the Marian month make devotion to the Mother of God grow in each of you, in order to be missionary-disciples of the paschal joy of the Resurrection.

**May 18 – Pope Sends Message to CELAM, Gathered in Plenary Assembly (The 36th Ordinary General Assembly) –Translated conclusion (May 18, 2017, Zenit.org).**

May Mary, Our Lady of Aparecia, continue taking us to her Son so that our peoples have life in Him . . . and in abundance.... May Jesus bless you and the Holy Virgin look after you.

**May 21 – Regina Caeli –Translated conclusion (May 21, 2017, Vatican.va).**

May the Virgin Mary, the perfect disciple of her Son and Lord, help us to be more and more docile to the Paraclete, the Spirit of Truth, to learn every day how to love each other as Jesus loved us.

**May 22 – Pope’s Homily at Roman Parish of San Pier Damiani ai Monti di San Paolo in Casal Bernocchi, Acilia – Translated extract (May 22, 2017, Zenit.org).**

When I offered incense to Our Lady, I lowered my gaze and saw the snake, the snake that Our Lady crushes, the snake with its mouth open and tongue out.

For more of what the pope said about Mary

<https://zenit.org/articles/popes-homily-at-roman-parish-of-san-pier-damiani-ai-monti-di-san-paolo-in-casal-bernocchi-acilia/>

**May 22 – Pope’s Address to General Chapter of Sister Disciples of Divine Master – Translated conclusion (May 22, 2017, Zenit.org).**

May Mary our Mother protect you with her gaze, ...

**May 23 – ‘No Amusing the Devil’ (Pope’s Q & A with Children at Roman Parish) – Translated conclusion (May 23, 2017, Zenit.org).**

And let’s pray to Our Lady, who is our Mother: Hail Mary . . .

**May 23 – Pope: ‘Make Your Children Grow Up to Become Good Christians’ (Pastoral visit at Roman Parish) –Translated conclusion (May 23, 2017, Zenit.org).**

Before giving you a blessing, you can sing a song to Our Lady . . .

**May 24 – General Audience (Greetings) –Translated conclusion (May 24, 2017, Vatican.va).**

Today we celebrate the feast day of Mary Help of Christians. Dear *young people*, learn to love at the school of the Mother of Jesus. Dear *sick people*, in your suffering, ask for the heavenly intercession of the Blessed Virgin by praying the Rosary. And you *newlyweds*, like Our Lady, may you always know how to listen to God's will for your family.

**May 26 – Pope to Nuns: 'Like the Virgin Mary, Go on Your Way' –Translated extract (May 26, 2017, Zenit.org).**

Like the Virgin Mary, go on your way, in haste – not the rush of the world, but that of God – and, full of the joy that dwells in your heart, sing your Magnificat .

**May 28 – Regina Caeli Translated conclusion ( May 28, 2017, Vatican.va).**

Let us ask the Virgin Mary to help us contemplate the heavenly benefits that the Lord promises us, and to become ever more credible witnesses to his Resurrection, to the true Life.

For more of what the pope said about Mary (including greetings)

[http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2017/documents/papa-francesco\\_regina-coeli\\_20170528.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2017/documents/papa-francesco_regina-coeli_20170528.html)

**May 30 – 'Jesus Is at Your Side' (Pope's Q & A with Young People in Genoa) –Translated extract (May 30, 2017, Zenit.org).**

I invite you to pray to Our Lady in silence: each one should tell her what is in his/her heart. She is our Mommy, Mother of Jesus, our Mother. In silence, each one tell her what he/she feels in the heart.

For more of what the pope said about Mary

<https://zenit.org/articles/popes-q-a-with-young-people-in-geoa/>

**May 31 – General Audience –Translated conclusion (May 31, 2017, Vatican.va).**

May this Pentecost find us, like Mary and the Apostles, gathered in prayer, and may the gift of the Holy Spirit make us "abound in hope".