

Marian Thoughts of Pope Francis



December 2017

December 2 – Pope in Bangladesh: ‘You are like the Mustard Seed’ (Meeting with 1,500 Religious) –Translated conclusion (December 2, 2017, Zenit.org).

Let us now turn to Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, asking that she may obtain for all of us the grace to grow in holiness and to be ever more joyful witnesses of the power of the Gospel to bring healing, reconciliation, and peace to our world.

December 3 – Angelus –Translated conclusion (December 3, 2017, Vatican.va).

May Mary Most Holy, role model for awaiting God and icon of watchfulness, lead us to her son Jesus, rekindling our love for him.

December 4 – Pope on Vocations: Listening, Discerning, Living (Message for 2018 World Day of Vocations) –Translated conclusion (December 4, 2017, Zenit.org).

May Mary Most Holy, who as a young woman living in obscurity heard, accepted and experienced the Word of God made flesh, protect us and accompany us always on our journey.

December 5 – Pope to Pontifical Academies: Transmit Latin Culture to Youth (to the participants in the XXII Public Session of the Pontifical Academies) –Translated conclusion (December 5, 2017, Zenit.org).

I entrust each and every one of you to the Virgin Mary, model of interiority, whom in the Gospel of Luke is proposed to us twice, as she who “conservabat omnia verba haec conferens in corde suo” (Lk 2:19). May she help you always to keep the Word of God in your heart, to make it the luminous and inexhaustible source of all your efforts.

December 6 – Pope Cites Creation of Vatican-Palestinian Working Group (to the participants in the meeting of the Permanent Committee for Dialogue with Religious figures in Palestine) –Translated extract (December 6, 2017, Zenit.org).

The culmination of that dialogue took place in Nazareth between the Angel Gabriel and the Virgin Mary, an event to which the Koran also makes reference.

December 6 – Pope Recalls High Points of Apostolic Journey (General Audience in Paul VI Hall) –Translated extract (December 6, 2017, Zenit.org).

The second Mass, the final act of my visit to Myanmar, was dedicated to the young: a sign of hope and a special gift of the Virgin Mary, in the cathedral that bears her name.

December 7– ‘Sing the Authentic Values of Life’ (to the “Mariele Ventre” Youth Choir of the Antoniano of Bologna: 60th anniversary of the Zecchino d’Oro) –Translated conclusion (December 7, 2017, Zenit.org).

And now, from where we sit quietly, let us look at the Madonna who awaits the Child, who awaits Jesus. We too all await Jesus, Who comes into our hearts. And let us all pray to Our Lady, the Hail Mary.

December 7– Pope Thanks Donors of Tree and Nativity (Audience) –Translated conclusion (December 7, 2017, Zenit.org).

...but first let us all pray to Our Lady, together.

December 8 – Angelus –Translated extract (December 8, 2017, Vatican.va).

Today we contemplate the beauty of Mary Immaculate.

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

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2017/documents/papa-francesco_angelus_20171208.html

December 10 – Angelus –Translated conclusion (December 10, 2017, Vatican.va).

The Virgin Mary fully lived this reality, allowing herself to be ‘baptized’ by the Holy Spirit who inundated her with his power. May she, who prepared for the coming of Christ with the totality of her existence, help us to follow her example and may she guide our steps to the coming Lord.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2017/documents/papa-francesco_angelus_20171210.html

December 11 – Pope’s Message for 26th World Day of the Sick –Translated extract (November 26, 2017, Zenit.org).

...Jesus spoke from the Cross to Mary, his Mother, and to John: “Woman, behold your son ... Behold your mother.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/popes-message-for-26th-world-day-of-the-sick/>

December 12 – Pope’s Homily for Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe –Translated extract (December 12, 2017, Zenit.org).

The Gospel that has just been proclaimed is the Preface of two great canticles: Mary’s canticle known as the “Magnificat” ...

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/popes-homily-for-feast-of-our-lady-of-guadalupe-2/>

December 15 – Vatican Responds to Australia Abuse Report –Translated conclusion (December 15, 2017, Zenit.org).

I entrust you to the Most Holy Virgin Mary, the Mother who remains close to us throughout our lives.

December 16 – Pope Welcomes Italian Catholic Action Youth (Exchange of Christmas wishes) –Translated conclusion (December 16, 2017, Zenit.org).

First, let us pray to Our Lady, all together.

December 17– Angelus –Translated conclusion (December 17, 2017, Vatican.va).

let us entrust ourselves to the maternal intercession of the Virgin Mary. She is a “cause of our joy”, not only because she begot Jesus, but because she keeps directing us to him.

December 18 – Pope Francis Celebrates 81st Birthday with Children and Pizza (Audience) –Translated conclusion (December 17, 2017, Zenit.org).

And now we all pray to Our Lady to give us her blessing: Hail Mary . . .

December 20 – General Audience (The Holy Father’s Catechesis) –Translated extract (December 20, 2017, Zenit.org).

Dear young people, prepare yourselves for the mystery of the Lord’s Birth with the obedience of faith and the humility that were Mary’s.

December 20 – Pope’s Condolences on Death of Cardinal Law –Translated conclusion (December 20, 2017, Zenit.org).

I send my Apostolic Blessing to those who share in mourning the passing of the cardinal, whom I entrust to the maternal intercession of the Virgin Mary Salus Populi Romani.

December 24 – Pope Francis’ Christmas Eve Homily –Translate extract (December 24, 2017, Zenit.org).

Luke brings us to the heart of that holy night: Mary gave birth; she gave us Jesus, the Light of the world.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/pope-francis-christmas-eve-homily-3/>

December 24 – Angelus Address: On the Gospel of the Annunciation –Translated extract (December 24, 2017, Zenit.org).

In this evangelical passage, we note a contrast between the Angel's promises and Mary's response.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/angelus-address-on-the-gospel-of-the-annunciation/>

December 25 – ‘Urbi et Orbi’: Pope Offers Blessing, Appeals for Peace –Translated Extract (December 25, 2017, Zenit.org).

In Bethlehem, Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/urbi-et-orbi-pope-offers-blessing-appeals-for-peace/>

December 26 – Angelus Address: On the Feast of St. Stephen – Translated conclusion (December 26, 2017, Zenit.org).

To Mary, Mother of the Redeemer and Queen of the martyrs, we lift up our prayer with confidence, that she may help us accept Jesus as Lord of our life and become His courageous witnesses ready to pay, through our person, the price of fidelity to the Gospel.

December 27 – General Audience: On Christmas, Lord Jesus' Birth –Translated Extract (December 27, 2017, Zenit.org).

The grace of God “appeared” in Jesus, the face of God, to whom the Virgin Mary gave birth as every child of this world, but who didn't come “from the earth,” He came “from Heaven,” from God.

December 28 – Holy Father Encourages Taize Youth (40th European Meeting of the Taize Community) –Translated conclusion (December 28, 2017, Zenit.org).

On entrusting you to the Lord so that you can sing with the Virgin Mary the wonders of His love, which is the source of joy, ...

December 31 – Angelus Address: On the Feast of the Holy Family –Translated extract (December 31, 2017, Zenit.org).

... the Gospel invites us to reflect on the experience lived by Mary, Joseph, and Jesus, while they grow together as a family in mutual love and trust in God.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/angelus-address-on-the-feast-of-the-holy-family/>