

## Marian Thoughts of Pope Francis



December 2018

### **December 1 – Pope Francis to the participants in the international Conference Drugs and addiction (Audience) –Translated conclusion (December 1, 2018, Zenit.org).**

I entrust your efforts and your worthy initiatives to the intercession of Our Lady, Health of the Infirm.

### **December 2 – Angelus –Translated conclusion (December 1, 2018, Vatican.va).**

May the Virgin Mary, who leads us to Jesus, a woman of expectation and prayer, help us to strengthen our hope in the promises of her Son Jesus, in order to enable us to understand that through the travail of history, God always remains steadfast and uses human errors, too, to manifest his mercy.

### **December 5 – General Audience –Translated extract (December 5, 2018, Vatican.va).**

Jesus' last words before dying on the Cross are words from the psalms, that is, of prayer, the prayer of the Jews: he prayed with the prayers that his mother had taught him.

### **December 9 – Angelus –Translated conclusion (December 9, 2018, Vatican.va).**

May the Virgin Mary help us prepare the way of the Lord day by day, beginning with ourselves; and to scatter around us with steadfast patience, seeds of peace, justice and fraternity.

### **December 12 – Holy Father's Homily at Mass for Liturgical Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Guadalupe –Translated extract (December 12, 2018, Zenit.org).**

Mary teaches us that, in the art of the mission and of hope, many words and programs aren't necessary.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/holy-fathers-homily-at-mass-for-liturgical-feast-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary-of-guadalupe/>

**December 12 – General Audience (Greetings) –Translated extract (December 12, 2018, Vatican.va).**

Today in celebrating the liturgical memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Guadalupe, let us ask Our Lady to accompany us to Christmas and rekindle in us the desire to welcome with joy the light of her Son Jesus, to make it shine ever more brightly in the world's darkness.

**December 16 – Angelus –Translated conclusion (December 9, 2018, Vatican.va).**

And may the Virgin Mary, who is our mother, help us to open our heart to the God-who-comes, so that he may shower our whole life with joy.

**December 18 – Pope's Message for 52nd World Day of Peace –Translated extract (December 18, 2018, Zenit.org).**

The politics of peace, conscious of and deeply concerned for every situation of human vulnerability, can always draw inspiration from the *Magnificat*, the hymn that Mary, the Mother of Christ the Saviour and Queen of Peace, sang in the name of all mankind: ...

**December 19 – General Audience –Translated extract (December 19, 2018, Vatican.va).**

It begins with Mary who was betrothed to Joseph. The Angel arrives and changes her life. As a virgin, she will become a mother.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

[http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2018/documents/papa-francesco\\_20181219\\_udienza-generale.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2018/documents/papa-francesco_20181219_udienza-generale.html)

**December 21 – Pope Greets Vatican Staff and Families: Merry Christmas! –Translated extract (December 21, 2018, Zenit.org).**

Our Lady and Saint Joseph are full of joy: they look at the Child Jesus and they are happy because, after a thousand worries, they have accepted this gift of God, with so much faith and so much love. They are “overflowing” with holiness and therefore with joy.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/pope-greets-vatican-staff-and-families-merry-christmas/>

**December 22 – Pope to the members of the National Civil Protection Service (Audience) –Translated conclusion (December 22, 2018, Zenit.org).**

In this spirit, I hope you will celebrate Christmas with joy and peace of heart. May the Lord bless you and the Virgin Mother protect you.

**December 23 – Angelus –Translated extract (December 23, 2018, Zenit.org).**

The liturgy of this Fourth Sunday of Advent puts in the first place the figure of Mary, the Virgin Mother, waiting to give birth to Jesus, the Saviour of the world.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/angelus-address-fourth-sunday-of-advent-which-highlights-the-figure-of-mary/>

**December 24 – Pope Francis’ Christmas Eve Homily –Translated extract (December 24, 2018, Zenit.org).**

Joseph with Mary his spouse went up “to the city of David called Bethlehem” (Lk 2:4).

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<https://zenit.org/articles/pope-greets-vatican-staff-and-families-merry-christmas/>

**December 26 – Angelus –Translated conclusion (December 26, 2018, Zenit.org).**

We invoke the intercession of Our Lady and St. Stephen: their prayer helps us to always entrust ourselves to God, especially in difficult times, and supports us in the resolve to be men and women capable of forgiveness.

**December 30 – Angelus –Translated extract (December 30, 2018, Zenit.org).**

Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, and the liturgy invites us to reflect on the experience of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus, united by an intense love and animated by great trust in God.