

Pope ...

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"poverty of a stable" and "in the simplicity of life."

"In order to discover him, we need to go there, where he is: we need to bow down, humble ourselves, make ourselves small," the pope said.

The image of the child in the manger, he continued, is a challenge for all Christians to "leave behind fleeting illusions" and "renounce insatiable claims."

It is also a calling for the world to respond to the sufferings of children in this age who "suffer the squalid mangers that devour dignity: hiding underground to escape bombardment, on the pavements of a large city, at the bottom of a boat overlaid with immigrants," the pope said.

"Let us allow ourselves to be challenged by the children who are not allowed to be born, by those who cry because no one satiates their hunger, by those who do not

have toys in their hands, but rather weapons," he said.

Christmas is not only a mystery of hope but also of sadness where "love is not received and life discarded" as seen by the indifference felt by Mary and Joseph "who found the doors closed and placed Jesus in a manger."

That same indifference, he said, exists today when commercialism overshadows the light of God and "when we are concerned for gifts but cold towards those who are marginalized."

"This worldliness has taken Christmas hostage. It needs to be freed!" the pope said departing from his prepared remarks.

However, the hope of Christmas is the light that outshines this darkness and "draws us to himself" through his humble birth in Bethlehem," he said.

Noting that Bethlehem means "house of bread," the pope said that Jesus was born to nourish us, creating a "direct thread joining the

manger and the cross."

"In this way, he seems to tell us that he is born as bread for us; he enters life to give us his life; he comes into our world to give us his love. He does not come to devour or to command but to nourish and to serve," the pope said.

Pope Francis said that like the shepherds, who although marginalized are

chosen to witness the birth of Christ, Christians are reminded of God's closeness and can enjoy the true spirit of Christmas: "the beauty of being loved by God."

"Contemplating his humble and infinite love, let us say to him: thank you, thank you because you have done all this for me," the pope said.

Celebrate World Marriage Day

Join St. Vincent de Paul parishioners Saturday, Feb. 11, for an evening of celebrating your love and the blessing of your marriage at St. Vincent de Paul Marist Center. Mass will be celebrated at 5 p.m., followed by a wine and cheese social. A candlelit dinner will follow, and one couple will give a brief witness to their experience in the Sacrament of Marriage. The evening ends with coffee and wedding cake served to all.

Cost is \$ 45 per couple. Reservations are required and must be made no later than Feb. 8. For more information, contact the Beiter's at (304) 238-4904 or the Reed's at (304) 242-8156.

You are cordially invited to attend the

Grand Knight's Twelfth Night Ball

January 7, 2017

**Catholic Charities Administrative Offices
Ball Room**

2000 Main Street, Wheeling, WV

Complementary Beverages Starting at 6:00 PM

Dinner Served at 6:30 PM

(catered by Mehlman's)

Live Music!

Entertainment!

Door Prize Raffles!

Christmas 50/50 Raffle Drawing!

Tickets - \$14 per person/\$25 per family

RSVP by December 23rd by sending payment to Knights of Columbus Council 504
Attn: Ken Staley, 118 Edgington Lane, Wheeling, WV, 26003
(Please write the number of tickets needed on the memo line of your check)

Il Corriere del Duomo

Weekly Journal for the Cathedral of St. Joseph



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Sunday Masses: 6:00 p.m. Saturday; 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

Weekday Mass: 12:05 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9:00 a.m. Saturday.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 11:15-11:50 a.m. Friday; 5-5:45 p.m. Saturday.

Sacrament of the Sick and Communion to Homebound: Call the parish office anytime to make arrangements.

"O Come Let Us Adore Him"
**CHRISTMAS
CONCERT**
**January 4, 2017
7:00pm**
**St. Michael Catholic Church
Wheeling, WV**
*Join the Parish Choir,
Handbell Choir,
Instrumentalists
& Vocalists
as we continue to celebrate the
Christmas Season
with Carols & Songs.*
**Concert is free &
open to all!**

World Scarred by War, Greed Must Welcome Prince of Peace, Pope Says

By **Junno Arocho Esteves**

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—The song of the angels that heralded the birth of Christ urges men and women to seek peace in a world divided by war, terrorism and greed, Pope Francis said.

"Today this message goes out to the ends of the earth to reach all peoples, especially those scarred by war and harsh conflicts that seem stronger than the yearning for peace," the pope said Dec. 25.

Migrants, refugees, children suffering due to hunger and war, victims of human trafficking as well as social and economic unrest were also remembered by the pope.

"Peace to the peoples who suffer because of the economic ambitions of the few, because of the sheer greed and the idolatry of money, which leads to slavery," he said.

An estimated 40,000 people slowly made their way through security checkpoints into St. Peter's Square to attend the pope's solemn Christmas blessing "urbi et orbi" (to the city and the world).

Heightened security following the Dec. 19 terrorist attack in Berlin, Germany was evident as police cordoned off streets and established multiple checkpoints throughout the area.

While police presence is standard for major events in St. Peter's, the added security was a sign of the times where crowded areas have become a target for terrorists.

The pope prayed for "peace to those who have

lost a person dear to them as a result of brutal acts of terrorism that has sown fear and death into the hearts of so many countries and cities."

Countries ravaged by the scourge of war were also in the pope's thoughts, particularly in "the war-torn land of Syria, where far too much blood has been spilled," especially in the city Aleppo. The pope called on the world to support the people of Syria with humanitarian assistance and to put an end to the conflict.

"It is time for weapons to be silenced forever and the international community to actively seek a negotiated solution so that civil coexistence can be restored in the country," he said.

The pope appealed for peace for the people of Ukraine, "who to this day suffer the consequences of the conflict."

The Vatican announced Dec. 23 that the first installment of 6 million euro (\$6.3 million) would be distributed on Christmas Day to assist in relief efforts in Ukraine. Earlier this year, the pope called for a collection across churches in Europe to help the people of the war-torn country.

Iraq, Libya and Yemen, "where their peoples suffer war and the brutality of terrorism," were in the pope's prayers so that they may "be able to once again find unity and harmony."

The pope also remembered Africa, especially Nigeria where fundamentalist terrorism "exploits children in order to perpetrate horror and death" as well as South Sudan and the Democratic

Republic of Congo, calling on their leaders to choose the path of dialogue rather than "the mindset of conflict."

He also prayed for peace in the Holy Land and that Israelis and Palestinians turn away from hate and revenge while having "the courage and determination to write a new page of history."

Praying for an end to current tensions, the pope also called for peace in Venezuela, Colombia, Myanmar and the Korean peninsula

Christ's birth, he said, is a sign of joy and a call for the world to contemplate "the child Jesus who gives hope once again to every person on the face of the earth."

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given.' He is the 'prince of peace;' let us welcome him."

After his address, the bells of St. Peter's rang loudly, pealing throughout the square as they did in the evening Dec. 24 following the proclamation of Jesus' birth during Christmas Mass.

The darkness of the night sky over St. Peter's Basilica was broken by the bright lights emanating from the

colonnade and the Christmas tree from the square.

Temperatures just above 40 degrees didn't stop thousands of people unable to enter the packed basilica from participating in the Mass, sitting outside and watching the Mass on giant screens in St. Peter's Square.

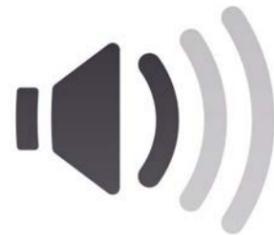
In his homily, the pope said the love of God is made visible at Christ's birth on a night of glory, joy and light "which would illuminates those who walk in darkness."

The shepherds are a witness to "the enduring sign" of finding Jesus when they discover him wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger;" a sign that is given to all Christians today, the pope said.

"If we want to celebrate Christmas authentically, we need to contemplate this sign: the fragile simplicity of a small newborn, the meekness of where he lies, the tender affection of the swaddling clothes. God is there," he said.

This sign of humility, he added, also reveals a paradox: God who chose not to reveal himself through power, but rather through the

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Hearing devices for mass are now available in the vestibule of the church before masses, just ask a greeter. Please return after use.

Mass Intentions and Readings

Sunday—January 1st—SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD—Holy Day of Obligation

Sat 6:00p Mass for the Parishioners
8:00a Mass for the Parishioners
RDGS: Is 9:1-6 Ps 96:1-3, 11-13 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14
10:30a Mass for the Parishioners
RDGS: Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21

Monday—January 2nd—Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, bishops, doctors of the Church

12:05p Mass for Mary Lavern Monnes
RDGS: 1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 1:19-28
Basil, died 1 Jan 379; hermit who became bishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia; noted for his learning; foe of Arianism; wrote a rule on monasticism; source of Eucharistic Prayer IV; considered one of the four great doctors of the Eastern Church.

Gregory, died 389; Patriarch of Constantinople; noted for his knowledge of sacred Scripture, called theologus for his outstanding teaching abilities and eloquence.

Tuesday—January 3rd—The Most Holy Name of Jesus

12:05p Mass for Virginia Florio Goudy
RDGS: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6 Ps 98:1, 3c-4, 5-6 Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday—January 4th—Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

12:05p Mass for Dr. Joseph J. Agresta and Fred Risovich, Sr.
RDGS: 1 Jn 3:7-10 Ps 98:1, 7-9 Jn 1:35-42
6:30p Choir Rehearsal
Elizabeth Ann Seton, died 1821; raised Episcopalian; wife and mother of five children; foundress of the first congregation for women religious in USA, the Sisters of Charity, devoted primarily to the education of the poor and to teaching in parochial schools; first native-born citizen canonized (1975).

Thursday—January 5th—Saint John Neumann, Bishop

12:05p Mass for Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery
RDGS: 1 Jn 3:11-21 Ps 100:1b-5 Jn 1:43-51
John, died 1860; missionary from Bohemia; C.S.S.R.; bishop of Philadelphia; known for his holiness and learning; promoter of parochial schools; authored two German catechisms; first American bishop canonized (1977).

Friday—January 6th—Saint Andre Bessette, religious First Friday

11:15a Confession
12:05p Mass for Jack Staley
12:40p Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
RDGS: 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Mk 1:7-11

Frere Andre, died 6 Jan. 1937 at age ninety-one; C.S.C.; orphaned at age twelve; known as a healer and the "Miracle of Montreal" where he founded the Oratory of St. Joseph to whom he was dedicated and fostered devotion; over one million people paid their respects at his death.

Saturday—January 7th—Saint Raymond of Penyafort, priest

9:00a Mass for Sophie Moses
Rosary
5:00p Confessions
6:00p Mass for the Parishioners
RDGS: 1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-6a, 9b Jn 2:1-11
Raymond of Penyafort, died 1275 at age ninety-one; O.P.; second master general after St. Dominic; collator of canon law, esp. Decretales Gregorii IX; noted work on penance: Summa de casibus poenitentoe; patron of canonists and lawyers.

Sunday—January 8th—THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00a Mass for Larry Lenk
9:00a 1st Communion, Cathedral Offices
RCIA, Rectory
10:30a Mass for Charles Delbrugge
RDGS: Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12
12:00p DE-SANTATIZING!

Christmas is over. Bummer.



De-SANTA-tizing the Cathedral January 8th at 12:00 Noon

We are taking down the Christmas decorations in the Cathedral and your help is needed. Come if you can!

Weekly Collection

Envelopes: \$3,078 Loosie: \$3,651

CCWVa: \$3,625

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