

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

World Day of Prayer for Peace, January 1, 2017

First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27; Responsorial Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6, 8

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7; Gospel: Luke 2:16-21



“May God bless us in His Mercy.” —Psalm 67

Mary, Our Mother, is the Model of Peace. In this New Year may we always follow Mary’s example by responding to God’s will in our lives and work for peace in our homes, our families, and throughout our nation and world. Like Mary, we are asked to ponder the marvels of God’s ways in our hearts, so that we may attune our lives to God’s many blessings during this New Year.

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE FIFTIETH WORLD DAY OF PEACE 1 JANUARY 2017

Nonviolence: a Style of Politics for Peace

At the beginning of this New Year, I offer heartfelt wishes of peace to the world’s peoples and nations, to heads of state and government, and to religious, civic and community leaders. I wish peace to every man, woman and child, and I pray that the image and likeness of God in each person will enable us to acknowledge one another as sacred gifts endowed with immense dignity. Especially in situations of conflict, let us respect this, our “deepest dignity”, and make active nonviolence our way of life.

This is the fiftieth Message for the World Day of Peace. In the first, Blessed Pope Paul VI addressed all peoples, not simply Catholics, with utter clarity. “Peace is the only true direction of human progress – and not the tensions caused by ambitious nationalisms, nor conquests by violence, nor repressions which serve as mainstay for a false civil order”. He warned of “the danger of believing that international controversies cannot be resolved by the ways of reason, that is, by negotiations founded on law, justice, and equity, but only by means of deterrent and murderous forces.” Instead, citing the encyclical *Pacem in Terris* of his predecessor Saint John XXIII, he extolled “the sense and love of peace founded upon truth, justice, freedom and love”. In the intervening fifty years, these words have lost none of their significance or urgency.

On this occasion, I would like to reflect on *nonviolence* as a style of politics for peace. I ask God to help all of us to cultivate nonviolence in our most personal thoughts and values. May charity and nonviolence govern how we treat each other as individuals, within society and in international life. When victims of violence are able to resist the temptation to retaliate, they become the most credible promoters of nonviolent peacemaking. In the most local and ordinary situations and in the international order, may nonviolence become the hallmark of our decisions, our relationships and our actions, and indeed of political life in all its forms.

[For the entire text of Pope Francis’ message, please visit our website at www.ourladycarmelvalley.org .]

Prayer of Blessing for the New Year

Remember us, O God;
from age to age be our comforter.
You have given us the wonder of time,
blessings in days and nights, seasons and years.
Bless your children at the turning of the year
and fill the months ahead with the bright hope
that is ours in the coming of Christ.
You are our God, living and reigning,
forever and ever. Amen.

Communion for the Sick and Homebound

We are blessed to have Ministers of the Eucharist of our parish available to take Communion to our sick or homebound parishioners who are unable to attend Sunday Mass. Please contact the Parish Office if you have a family member or neighbor who would like to be visited with the Eucharist.

Retrouvaille Weekend January 20-22, 2017

Retrouvaille is a special weekend for couples in need of healing and renewal in their marriage. For more information: HelpOurMarriage.com or contact Eric and Beth at 831-479-1260.

Altar Servers / Acolytes

Children, youth, and young adults are invited to serve as Altar Servers or Acolytes for our Saturday and Sunday Masses. Please let Fr. Dennis know if you are interested. Thank you.

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Offertory Report 12/25/2016

Plate collection: \$9,632; Building Fund: \$550; Hope's Pantry \$30; electronic: \$570; other: \$411; total deposit: \$11,193. Thank you!

"The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger."

—*Luke 2:16*

Mass Intentions Dec. 31—Jan. 6, 2017

Sat., 4:30 pm	The families of our parish
Sun., 9:00 am	+Rick Lindmeier
Sun., 11:15 am	+Lorena Merino +Maria Lucido +Giuseppe Manuguerra
Sun., 5:00 pm	+José Martinez +Alfonso Martinez Resendiz
Wed., 7:00 am	The sick of the Parish
Thur., 7:00 am	The families of the Parish
Fri., 7:00 am	The families of the Parish



We are happy to have you with us as we celebrate the beautiful Christmas Season and begin the New Year 2017! If you are new to the parish, or have never registered, please register by using the *Parish Registration Form* on the front page of the bulletin. Thank you!

Monthly Lunch for Carmel Valley Seniors

You are invited to the Senior Lunch which takes place every first Monday of the month at 11:30 a.m. in the Carmel Valley Community Center, 25 Ford Road. The full course meal includes dessert and beverages, with a fun bingo game!

Teen Corner

On Mother's Day, we thank our mothers for the gift of life and for all that they do for us. Today's solemnity is like the Church's version of Mother's Day—we give thanks to Mary for her acceptance of God's will that brought Jesus into the world. She gave us the possibility of eternal life with God! She is not only Jesus' mother, but ours as well, and Mary continues her work of spiritual motherhood by praying for us at all times. Pray the Rosary or read and reflect upon Luke 1:26-56 today in thanksgiving for her motherly love and guidance.

