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Our Lady at Medjugorje.  
Our focus is on living the  
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*(The Way To Peace)*

## LIVE THE MESSAGES

given at

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*Our Lady's Message is:*

*Pray and Fast*

*Frequent Mass*

*Monthly Confession*

*Daily Rosary*

*Love People*

*Use Blessed Objects*

## Our Lady of Medjugorje's Message Given to Marija Pavlovic-Lunett

**December 25, 2014**

*"Dear children! Also today, in my arms I am carrying my Son Jesus to you and I am asking from Him peace for you and peace among you. Pray to and adore my Son for His peace and joy to enter into your hearts. I am praying for you to be all the more open to prayer. Thank you for having responded to my call."*

### Commentary on the

**December 25, 2014 Message**

*"How lovely on the mountains are the feet of Him who brings glad tidings, announcing peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation, and saying, "Your God is King". (Isaiah 52:7)*

The prophet Isaiah prophesized that an era of peace would come to God's chosen people. He announced the good news that their bondage would be broken forever and salvation would be theirs. Many years later a star led to the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy. Who but God could have devised such a plan! A baby born in poverty, laid in an animal trough on a dark and cold night would be the embodiment of Isaiah's prophecy. Who could know that this little bundle of humanity

would be the embodiment of the greatest gift the world would ever receive – the gift of peace? Who would have imagined that this little bundle of poverty was born of kingly heritage – the Son of God – the One and only who would restore peace and bring abundant joy? Who could possible conceive that those who looked upon his Holy Face beheld the Face of God in human flesh?

Every Christmas, Mary carries her child in her arms and presents Him to us. Every Christmas we receive from Mary the greatest gift – Peace! I wonder if we, her blessed children, understand the magnitude of the gift we have received. Do we even understand what the Lord's peace means. Peace is not the absence of war. Peace is not the absence of trials and tribulations. If this were the meaning of peace, we, the church militant, would never know peace on earth. We are called the church militant for a reason -- we are at war. St. Paul reminds us that we are in constant battle with powers and principalities that we cannot see. The devil prowls around like a "roaring lion" seeking to destroy whomever is in his path. Besides the spiritual battle raging around and in us, we see the carnage every night in the news resulting from terrorist attacks. Children are being massacred, police are being targeted for the kill. Families are being torn apart through divorce, drug



and alcohol addictions, and fights. Peace? Where is this peace that the Baby Jesus came to bring?

Look again toward the Baby in the manger. Remember why He came. What was His mission? Let us not make the same mistake that the Old Testament chosen people made. They were looking for a Messiah who would free them from their political enemies. They were looking for magic, for an easier life with no human enemies. But God wanted more for them. He wanted to break their spiritual bondage. God wanted to raise them above their petty legalisms. He wanted them to be free! He wanted them to know an inner joy that could never be possible on a human level. He wanted them to know the Kingdom and for what they were created. He wanted them to understand something of the life to come. He wanted to introduce them to eternal Paradise.

Mary wants us to understand this truth. So she constantly tells us to pray, pray, pray. When our hearts are open to the greater good – the peace that the world cannot understand – we see God in the little bundle of humanity that came one Christmas night. When we pray for this peace, we fulfill Jesus' prayer to the Father on our behalf – "that their joy may be complete".

In summary, I interrupted my writing to attend Mass. Being the Christmas Season, the beautiful lights of Christmas are still visible in our Churches as are the manger scenes beneath the trees. I could not help admire the beauty of the holy family figurines beneath the tree. Baby Jesus, Prince of Peace, being carried in the arms of His mother to us! A few feet away from the Manger was the Altar upon which the same Jesus came to us one hour ago – body, blood, soul and divinity. After Mass, an old friend approached me and shared the news that he had been freed by the mercy and grace of God from an addiction to alcohol. He spoke of the bondage being loosened, the prison door of alcoholism being flung open and the peace and freedom that is now enjoyed.

Peace will never mean the absence of war and turmoil. Peace is not just a state of mind or being. Peace is a Person – the Person of Christ in the Manger and on our altars. The Prince of Peace awaits every opportunity to make straight a path through our troubled world and tormented souls. He waits to calm every storm and suppress every fear. He does this for us through the

loving prayers of our Mother, Mary. On my way home from Mass, I sang a verse from the beautiful song of peace, "Peace I leave with you my friends ..... Peace that the world cannot give..... Peace I leave with you my friends.....So that your joy be ever full".

## Message Given to Mirjana Dragicevic-Soldo December 2, 2014

*"Dear children, Remember – for I am telling you – that love will win. I know that many of you are losing hope because around you, you see suffering, pain, jealousy, envy... but, I am your mother. I am in the Kingdom but am also here with you. My Son is sending me anew to help you. Therefore, do not lose hope; instead, follow me – because the victory of my heart is in the name of God. My beloved Son is thinking of you as he has always thought of you. Believe him and live him. He is the life of the world. My children, to live my Son means to live the Gospel. This is not easy. This means love, forgiveness and sacrifice. This purifies and it opens the Kingdom. Sincere prayer, which is not only words but is a prayer which the heart speaks, will help you. Likewise fasting (will help you), because it is still more of love, forgiveness and sacrifice. Therefore, do not lose hope but follow me. I am imploring you anew to pray for your shepherds so that they may always look to my Son who was the first Shepherd of the world and whose family was the entire world."*

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## *Queen of Peace Prayer Cenacles*

**Queen of Peace Night:** Third Wednesday of every month. All are invited. St. Dominic's Church, 6 Canandaigua Street, Shortsville, NY. 7:00 pm Rosary, 8:00 pm Mass followed by healing prayer. The celebrant for January 21, 2015 is Fr. Thomas Mull.

**There will not be a Queen of Peace night on February 18 because it is Ash Wednesday.**

**Marian Cenacle:** Every Wednesday evening. St. Mary's Church, Waterloo, NY. All are welcome. 6:45 pm, Divine Mercy Chaplet, 7:00 pm complete Rosary. Contact Darlene Duprey 315-539-9010.

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