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Our Lady at Medjugorje.
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LIVE THE MESSAGES

given at

MEDJUGORJE

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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, 2017

"Dear children! Today I am bringing to you my Son Jesus for Him to give you His peace and blessing. I am calling all of you, little children, to live and witness the graces and the gifts which you have received. Do not be afraid. Pray for the Holy Spirit to give you the strength to be joyful witnesses and people of peace and hope. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Commentary on the December 25, 2017 Message

"While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them and they were struck with great fear.

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord." (Luke 2:6-11)

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." (Luke 2:14)

We are the people to whom the good news was given through the shepherds on that Holy Night! We are the people to whom the angel addressed this acclamation. We are God's chosen people on whom his favor rests! We are the people to whom Mary brings Her Son Jesus to give us "His peace and blessing".

Every year we set up our manger scenes sometime around Advent in anticipation of the greatest birthday celebration of all time – God leaving the splendor of Heaven to take on human nature through a young virgin named Mary. Through Mary's 'yes' (Be it done unto me according to thy word), we receive the greatest gift we will ever receive – Jesus! And so....we celebrate His birthday.....we remember the poverty of that holy night.

Our Lady's Message Given to Mirjana Dragicevic-Soldo December 2, 2017

This Christmas, Our Lady calls all of us "to live and witness the graces and gifts which you have received"as did the shepherds that holy night. "When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us". So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds". (Luke 2:15-18)

We, like the shepherds, have been told of the good news of the Incarnation. The reality of God with us is perpetual. We celebrate the Incarnation at every Mass. In the breaking of the bread, we see him. Suddenly our eyes are opened and we know he is alive! And with joy burning in our hearts, we set out to tell our friends.....we have seen the Lord! We witness to the real presence of the living God with us in the Eucharist which we not only see with our eyes. We receive the living God. We take Him into our own bodies. And we, like Mary, give birth to Him in our world. This is the ultimate gift offered every single day in the Bethlehems of our churches around the whole world to the end of time. If we could really take in this great mystery, we would die from sheer joy!

Before Jesus ascended into Heaven, He told us that we would receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon us and we will be His witnesses...to the ends of the earth. He repeatedly told us "Be not afraid". Our Lady's Christmas 2017 message also tells us "Do not be afraid". She advises us to pray to the Holy Spirit for strength to be "joyful witnesses and people of peace and hope".

What are we waiting for? It is time for us to pray for strength and deliverance from conflict, judgment, negativity and whatever sin holds us bound. It is time for us to be free to accept the ultimate Gift of Christmas. It is time to become people of peace. For....He has blessed us.....left us His peace. The Spirit of the Lord came upon us, filling us, changing us, giving us strength to say: we saw Him! Suddenly our eyes were opened and we knew He was alive. It is time, with Our Lady's help, for all of us to become joyful witnesses to our faith. Amen

"Dear children, I turn to you as your mother, the mother of the just, the mother of those who love and suffer, the mother of those who are holy. My children, you too can be holy - this depends on you. Those who are holy are those who immeasurably love the Heavenly Father, those who love Him above all. Therefore, my children, always strive to be better. If you strive to be good you can be holy even though you may not think so of yourselves. If you think that you are good, you are not humble, and arrogance distances you from holiness. In this peaceless world full of threats, your hands, apostles of my love, should be extended in prayer and mercy. And to me, my children, give the gift of the rosary, the roses which I love so much. My roses are your prayers pronounced with the heart and not only recited with the lips. My roses are your acts of prayer, faith and love. When my Son was little, he said to me that my children would be numerous and that they would bring me many roses. I did not comprehend Him. Now I know that you are those children who are bringing me roses when, above all, you love my Son, when you pray with the heart, when you help the poorest. Those are my roses. That is the faith which makes everything in life be done through love, not knowing arrogance, and always ready to forgive; never judging, always striving to understand one's brother. Therefore, apostles of my love, pray for those who do not know how to love, for those who do not love you, for those who have done evil to you, for those who have not come to know the love of my Son. My children, I ask this of you because, remember, to pray means to love and to forgive. Thank you."

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