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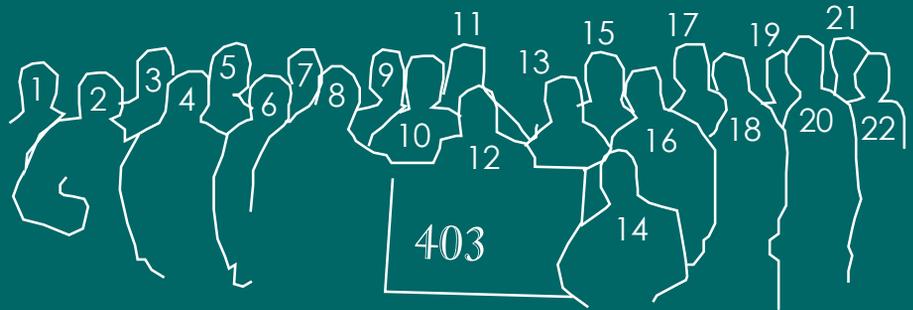
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Once again, the ...

...Greatest Weekend, ever !

Cursillo's Mobile Libraries

Your Cursillo Secretariat is in the process of creating four mobile libraries- one for each Ultreya. These books will be available at every Ultreya to be checked out and returned at the next Ultreya.

We are looking for donations of books relating to Cursillo to add to our libraries. Here are some suggestions:

Cursillo Manual
Leader's Manual
The Group Reunion
Our 4th Day
Lower Your Nets
Building Christian Communities
Structure of Ideas
The PreCursillo
The Cursillo Movement-(4 booklet series)
Whom Shall I Send?
The Fundamental Ideas of the Cursillo Movement
The Lay Members of Christ's Faithful People
Sponsor's Booklet
The Cursillo Movement-What is it?
Pilgrim's Guides

If you have any of these, or others that we do not yet have, please bring them to the next Ultreya, or contact any of our Secretariat members (their phone numbers are in the column to the right). We hope to have the mobile libraries available to the 4th Day Community very soon at all Ultreyas.

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CURSILLO CALENDAR

Wednesday January 2, 2019

ULTREYA

7:00 – 8:30 pm
St. Genevieve-
St. Maurice Parish
Chapel

Saturday January 12, 2019

ULTREYA

10:00 – Noon
Saint Malachy Church
Rectory Basement

Saturday January 19, 2019

ULTREYA

9:00 – 10:30 am
Christ the Redeemer
Church Library

Tuesday January 22, 2019

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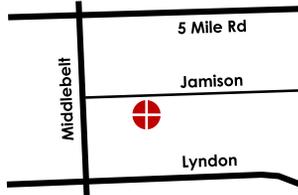
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Saint Benedict'

COME HOLY SPIRIT

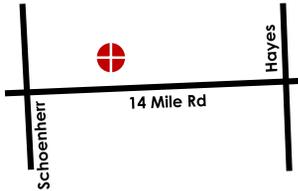
Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of
Your faithful and kindle in us the
fire of Your love. Send forth Your
Spirit and we shall be created.
And You shall renew the face of
the earth.

Oh God, Who by the light of the
Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts
of the faithful grant that by that
same Holy Spirit we may be truly
wise and ever rejoice in His
consolations through
Christ our Lord. Amen.

Now, more than ever, reconnect with
your Fourth Day Community;
attend an **ULTREYA** near you, this month!



WESTERN WAYNE - Livonia
(1st Wednesday)
**St. Genevieve-
St. Maurice Parish**
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
29015 Jamison St,
Livonia, MI 48154
**Deacons Kevin Breen and
Paul Mueller 248 891 9387**



MACOMB - Sterling Heights
(2nd Saturday)
St. Malachy Parish
(Rectory Basement)
10:00 – 11:30 am
Sterling Heights
14115 Fourteen Mile Rd.
Sterling Heights, MI 48312
Barb Davis 586 228 0264



Northern OAKLAND
(3rd Saturday)
Christ the Redeemer Parish
9:00 am – 10:30 am
2700 Walden Rd,
Lake Orion, MI 48350
Chip Farrar 586 925 2089



Waterford (4th Tuesday)
St. Benedict Church
7:30 – 9:00 pm
80 Lynn Street
Waterford, MI 48328
Rita Ellinger 248 682 7482

Christmas is a gift of self

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Christmas will not be authentic if people get caught up in a frenzy of shopping, presents and meals, all while ignoring the poor and forgetting who the celebration is really all about, Pope Francis said.

"If Christmas ends up as just a beautiful traditional holiday," where everything revolves around "us and not him, it will be a lost opportunity," the pope said Dec. 19 during his weekly general audience in the Paul VI audience hall.

"Please, let us not make Christmas worldly! Let us not put aside the one being celebrated" -- which is what happened at Jesus' birth when so many of "his own people did not accept him," he said.

With less than a week to go before Christmas, Pope Francis dedicated his audience talk to the true meaning of Christmas and the kind of "gifts" and surprises that are pleasing to God on that day.

"Trees, ornaments and lights are everywhere" to remind people of the coming holidays, the pope said, and the advertising and promotional "machine invites people to exchange more new gifts to surprise" others.

"But is this the holiday that God likes? What kind of Christmas would he want, what gifts and surprises?" the pope asked.

The answer to figuring out what God wants, he said, is to look at the first Christmas.

The day of Jesus' birth was a day "full of surprises" in which everybody's life took totally unexpected turns, and customs and plans were turned upside down, he said: Mary, a virgin, was going to have a child; Joseph, her groom, faced scandal with her pregnancy, but listened to God and took her as his wife; and the divine Word came as an infant incapable of speech.



Those who welcomed the savior of the world were not the local authorities, leaders or ambassadors, the pope said. Instead they were "simple shepherds, who, surprised by an angel while they were working at night, rushed there without delay. Who would have expected that?"

God does the unexpected, the pope said, since he "overturns our logic and our expectations."

Christmas, therefore, "is welcoming on earth surprises from heaven," the pope said.

Christmas ushers in a new era, in which "life is not planned, but is given, where one does not live anymore for oneself, according to one's own preferences, but for God and with God because from Christmas onward, God is the God-with-us, who lives with us and walks with us."

It is a time to let oneself be "shaken by his surprising novelty" because Jesus offers not the "reassuring coziness from a fireplace, but the divine shiver which shakes history."

Christmas "turns the tables" because the victors are humility over arrogance, simplicity over abundance, silence over noise, prayer over "me time" and God over one's ego, he said.

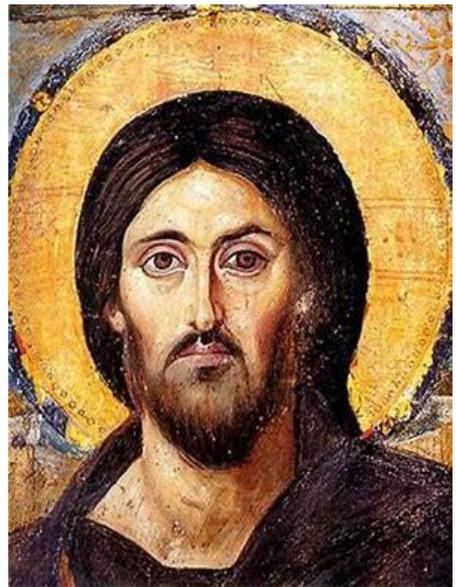
People should likewise choose God's silent voice over the "uproar of consumerism," he said, inviting people to take time out to sit in silence before a Nativity scene and let themselves feel awe and be surprised by God.

God asks people to be on guard against spreading themselves too thin, being overburdened with busyness and blaming it all on the world when he warns people to not let themselves be dragged asunder by the world.

"It will be Christmas if, like Joseph, we make room for silence; if, like Mary, we tell God, 'Here I am'; if, like Jesus, we are close to those who are alone; if, like the shepherds, we leave our sheepfolds in order to be with Jesus," Pope Francis said.

"It will not be Christmas if we seek the blinding lights of the world, if we fill ourselves with presents, lunches and dinners, but we do not help at least one poor person, who resembles God because God arrived poor on Christmas."

CHRIST IS COUNTING ON US !



Pray for Our Spiritual Directors; and hosts of our Ultreyas

Father Chris Talbot
Father Paul Ballien
Father Don Archambault
Father Charles Morris
Father Mark Brauer
Father Joseph Gembala
Father Ben Luedtke
Father Vic Clore
Father Jack Baker
Father James Mayworm
Monseigneur Tim Hogan
Deacon Paul Mueller
Deacon Jack Parent
Deacon Steve Mitchell
Deacon Bob Modes
Deacon Don Baross
Deacon Tom Sliney
Deacon Kevin Breen

...they're praying for us!

Father Maurice Pierce...
Father Ron Milligan...

Pray for us!

PRAYER PROCESS

1. Begin with Gratitude - thank the LORD daily for whatever you're most thankful for from that day.
2. Awareness - revisit the times or events from that day, when you were or were not the person you want to be in accordance with your life in Christ. Did I bite somebody's head off today, or did I encourage a co-worker to try again.
3. Significant Moments - Did I experience an event today in which GOD is obviously saying something to me through that event or a person involved?
4. Peace – Ask GOD to forgive me and ask for HIS Peace.
5. Freedom – Speak to GOD about how HE is asking you to change your life and become the man HE wants you to be.
6. Others – Lift up to GOD anyone you know who is in need...Intercessory Prayer
7. Close with the perfect prayer ...the LORD's PRAYER.

be
still
and
Know
I AM

Community of *Leaders*

The manger and the Cross thus stand at the two extremities of the Savior's life! He accepted the manger because there was no room in the inn; He accepted the Cross because men said, "We will not have this man for our king." Disowned upon entering, rejected upon leaving, He was laid in a stranger's stable at the beginning, and a stranger's grave at the end. An ox and an ass surrounded His crib at Bethlehem; two thieves were to flank His Cross on Calvary. He was wrapped in swaddling bands in His birthplace, He was again laid in swaddling clothes in His tomb — clothes symbolic of the limitations imposed on His Divinity when He took a human form. ...

Archbishop Fulton Sheen

FINAL WORD

Matthew 1: 18-23

Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the holy Spirit.

Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord* appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus,* because he will save his people from their sins."

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means "God is with us."