Whispers of God: Humbly Seek and Find

3rd Sunday Advent B 14th December

DAY BY DAY

Hold to what is good I Thess 5

Prayers -Scripture

Await birthday of Christ
Earth rejoices
Sent to bring good news
The cloak of integrity
In the sight of the nations
Fills the starving with good
Be happy at all times; pray
Never suppress the Spirit
Lord will not fail you
Witness, speak for the light
Our Eucharist and salvation

Ordinary

Generation Y (16-30 year olds) are under pressure to value the individual, consumption and global pluralism. What seemed like ordinary family and work values a few years back have to be reformulated. It means effort and negotiating. Advent offers a time in listening and refection to seek what is good for us, those around us and our world. We pause.

7 Day Retreat

The Readings for the Masses 17-24th December can be used as a 7 day retreat. Genesis and the Prophets offer us the big picture. The human calling is compared to a love affair with God in the Song of Songs. Nature images are plentiful. The birth of Jesus lead us to sing with Mary the Great Magnificat in praise of what God has done for us.

categories of the marketplace…
When these latter are absolutized,
God can only be seen as uncontrollable,
unmanageable, even dangerous,
since God calls human beings to
their full realization.

Pope Francis Joy of the Gospel No 57

Prayers of Faithful

- That we will look for the presence of God in the actions of our families.
- That we will work with diligence knowing that it a gifted moment within human history.
- That we will accept sickness and failures, being bent out of shape, as opportunities to grow as human and spiritual people.
- That we will look for chances to serve others as catechists or in a service club.
- That we be open to ecological conversion and follow our ecological vocation.

Profile

Jorge Mario Bergoglio (Pope Francis) was born 1936 in Argentina. At the age of 22 he entered the Jesuit Noviciate. Deeping his prayer and study he worked as a teacher and guide to young Jesuits. As bishop of Buenos Aires, he became a leader in the Conference of Latin American Bishops (CELAM). He knew first hand the suffering of the poor and of agricultural practices that abuse the land.The way he acted became symbolic of a new way of being church in the joy of the Gospel - trying new roads in a permanent state of mission. *www.usccb.org*

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Action

- Join the local St Vincent de Paul Society *www.vinnies.org.au*
- Catholic Youth Ministry *youthministry.catholic.org.au* *csyma.com.au/membership/youthministry/*
- Become a member of Marriage Encounter *www.wwme.org.au*
- Search Catholic Eco-centres like *Earth Link* *www.brisbanemercy.org.au*