

Christmas Message

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“And there were in the same country shepherds watching and keeping the night watches over their flock. And behold an angel of the Lord stood by them and brightness of God shone about them, and they feared with a great fear. And the angel said to them, Fear not!” Luke 2:8ff

The shepherds feared with a great fear, but the angel bringing them the good tidings of the Savior being born, tells them to fear not. We are faced with so many trials and difficulties these days and fear is pushed upon us. We must be careful, but not fearful. God is in charge. St. Leo the Great said: “Our Savior is born today. Let us be happy. It is not right to give way to sadness on the birthday of Life.”

Let us approach the manger and fall upon our knees before the Child Jesus to give Him our protestations of love. The Child in the manger is so approachable and loving. Let us remain close to Him and pour out our hearts to Him so He can give us the grace we need to make it through these trying times. Trials can be endured with peace and joy with Him in our hearts. In some parts of the country, churches are going into lockdown again and persecutions may follow. Let us be sure to pray for those deprived of the sacraments at this time and ask Jesus to console them.

The Child Jesus came to take our sins upon His shoulders so we can be freed of them and become more like Him. Like the Babe in the stable, become a child by means of a childlike confidence in God.

On behalf of Fr. Malain, Fr. Akers and myself, have a blessed Christmas.

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