

# TOTAL WORDS: 2016

## **January 10, 2016 POGC Gathering Readings and Words (Summary notes)**

Pope's Baptism of the Lord Homily: Most important gift we can give our children is to pass on the faith (to them).

**Jn 18:36-37:** My kingdom is not of this world, the reason I came into the world was to testify to the truth, anyone committed to the truth hears my voice.

**2Cn 4:** Because of God's mercy we don't give into despair or trickery.

Sharing: He knows what we need before we ask, things we are searching for on God can give.

Sharing: Do we speak the truth when needed? Truth is a person, a relationship not just principles.

**Jer 31:** Set up the road marks on the highway, turn back to your cities, the women must encompass the man (with devotion). I am doing something new. (Mary's virginal conception of Jesus). Sharing/Interpretation: Restoring humanity by birthing Jesus. We need to encompass the person of Jesus in our hearts before we try to birth Christ to them. Kindness and truth shall meet, justice and peace shall kiss.

Sharing: (Attributed to Pope JP2), Martyrs understood truth because they died for it. We can believe wrongly, we need to discern, we need to trust God to show us the truth in the Spirit.

Sharing: "Send the flame of Love"

Sharing: Baptism of the Lord, like a plunging, a marriage to all things to redeem them.

**Hosea 8-9:** "The unfaithful"

**Ps 34:** Protector of the Just. The promise to protect us and our children. Trust in His plan for us. The Lord saves me from all distress.

A summary on the year of mercy from women's day was presented. Some suggestions for the spiritual and corporal works of mercy were shared. In addition to the works of mercy some select or innovative ways to live the works of mercy were mentioned. Some of those are: Make time for people by sharing an encouraging word or just listening, being present in time of sorrow, counseling the doubtful by not problem solving with advice but compassionately listening and helping them go to Jesus for answers and direction, reaching a person's heart by sharing a witness, admonish the sinner not by correcting harshly but by being a brother or sister to them. Pray for the souls in purgatory. Be like the Good Samaritan for others, the symbol of the year of mercy.

## **February 21, 2016 POGC Gathering Readings & Words (Summary notes) and Sharings**

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**Jn 1:32-34:** The spirit came down and stays on Him; He is the one who baptized with the Holy Spirit. He is the Son of God. (The sign was the Spirit falling on Him)

Sharing: I am your God in your midst, closer than you can imagine. I protect you and send graces, do not fear anything. Trust me I am the God of redemption, love, mercy, I am your God.

Sharing: My Spirit is on you. I am closer than you imagine, open up to me, and experience me. I promise to care for you, your King, trust me, and trust no man.

Confirmation: Resp. Psalm: of the Day. Do not look what's around you, look only to the Lord. I believe I shall see the bounty of the Lord in the land of the living.

Confirmation: **Lk 12:32:** Don not live in fear, wherever your treasure is, there your heart will be.

**Sirach 15:11-20:** Man's Free Will. He will not let abomination touch him. Choose life or death. Whatever you choose, God will give you.

Listening Day Words:

**Ps 51:** Restore to me the joy of your salvation. I will see the bounty of the Lord in the land of the living.

(now) Trust in His provision in a world of problems.

Sharing: Let not joy be stolen from you, don't be in a funk from situations in life.

Sharing: Joy of the Lord's blessing in sickness. JOY is Jesus Others You.

Sharing: Pray for those who are unsprayed for.

**Habakkuk 3:** Though the fields don't yield, I will rejoice in my God. He makes my feet like those of a deer.

Sharing: Vision of springs of water bubbling out of the ground like graces coming out all over the world when we worship God as a Eucharistic people.

Sharing: I parted the Red Sea for you; I will work miracles for you.

Sharing: About the community nature of dolphins and how when one of the young is in danger the whole community will help out to protect the calves. Don't mess with God's kids. About the many starfish stranded on the beach being placed back in to the water. It seems like it helps only one, but it means everything for the one who is helped.

### **March 13, 2016 POGC Gathering Readings and Words (Summary notes) and Sharings**

#### **"See I am doing something new"**

Vision: Come before me and worship, humble yourselves, and worship in spirit and truth. Speak in spirit and truth. Become one in me in spirit and truth. All things are possible for me. Become one in me in spirit and truth.

Reading: Phil 3:12: It is not that I have attained maturity, but I may attain it, in Christ Jesus, forgetting what is behind and focus on Christ alone, on what is ahead. Continue on the same course.

Reading: Hosea 14:2-9: Return Israel to the Lord your God, you have collapsed in your guilt, do not worship the work of your hands. I will be like the dew for Israel. They shall blossom like the vine. I am like a verdant cypress tree; because of me you will bear fruit.

Word: Warning of the Escalation of Idolatry, (idols of technology); need to worship the Lord only; need to be cleansed of idols.

Reading: Ezekiel 14: Be converted from your idols, even memories of your idols.

Your security comes from me alone.

Sharings about idols:

Cannot depend on technology as our security, only depend on Christ.

Need patience and persistence in prayer, not a “drive through” prayer, we need to persevere in prayer for the long haul.

Idolatry in life manifests itself in our sins which bring pleasure (except for envy) need to be “unbound” from our sins. Bring our idols/sins before God in confession.

We should have ongoing conversion daily, daily examine and general examine of conscience, making changes throughout the day to root out our sins by the grace of God.

### **April 10, 2016 POGC Gathering Readings and Words (Summary notes) and Sharings**

Word: Reflect on my suffering and dying for you. Reflect on my Body and Blood because of my love for you. I ask that you love me in return. Receive more of my love. Use, accept, be open to, bring my love to others. No big deeds or functions for me, just love.

**1 Cn 13;** The way of love. If I don't have love I have and am nothing. Love is patient, love is kind, it is not rude, doesn't seek its own interest. It seeks the truth, bears all things believes all things, endures all things. Faith hope and love remain, the greatest of these is love.

**1Pt 4:7-8:** Do not be perturbed so that you can pray. Love covers a multitude of sins. Put your gifts at the service of one another in the measure you have received them.

Sharing on the Gospel: Jesus' invitation to breakfast. No one asks who he was, because they all knew he was Jesus. The purpose of the breakfast was to rekindle the love of the relationships, the communion of love. The more we love Christ, the more we are free from sin. Obedience to love slays our own wills.

Sharing: The flame of love at the day Pentecost is the Holy Spirit. We can go forth and love with that love of the Holy Spirit because it is the love between the Father and the love.

Sharing (Magnificat Meditation): Attachment is selfish love. We need to kill selfish love. Abandonment of the world is true love. The love of virtue and hate for vice is the two edged knife cutting out the selfish loves.

**May – June – July – August No General Gatherings**

## **PEOPLE OF GOD GENERAL GATHERING Sunday, September 11, 2016**

Readings:

- **Isaiah 30: 23-26 – “And He will give rain for the seed with which you sow the ground, and grain, the produce of the ground, which will be rich and plenteous. In that day your cattle will graze in large pastures, and the oxen and the asses that till the ground will eat salted provender, which has been winnowed with shovel and fork. And upon every lofty mountain and every high hill there will be brooks**

running with water, in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall. Moreover the light of the moon will be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, when the Lord binds up the hurt of His people and heals the wounds inflicted by His blow.”

- Joel 3: 9-12 - “Proclaim this among the nations: Prepare war, stir up the mighty men. Let all the men of war draw near, let them come up. Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears; let the weak say ‘I am a warrior.’ Hasten and come, all you nations round about, gather yourselves there. Bring down thy warriors O Lord. Let the nations bestir themselves, and come up the Valley of Jehoshaphat; for there I will sit to judge all the nations round about.”
- 1 Timothy 4: 1-5 – “Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith by giving heed to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, through the pretensions of liars whose consciences are seared, who forbid marriage and enjoin abstinence from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, for then it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.

The was not a word given or prophesy. Just discussion on the readings and discussion on the new Calendar for the rest of the year.

## **PEOPLE OF GOD GENERAL GATHERING**

### **Sunday, October 16, 2016**

Readings:

- **Matthew 19: 23-30** - “Jesus said to His disciples, ‘I assure you, only with difficulty will a rich man enter into the Kingdom of God. I repeat what I said: it is easier for a camel to pass through a needle’s eye than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God.’ When the disciples heard this they were completely overwhelmed and exclaimed ‘Then who can be saved.’ Jesus looked at them and said, ‘For man it is impossible; but for God all things are possible.’ Then it was Peter’s turn to say to him, ‘Here we have put everything aside to follow you. What can we expect from it?’ Jesus said to them, ‘I give you my solemn word, in the new age when the Son of Man takes his seat upon a throne befitting his glory, you who have followed me shall likewise take your places on twelve thrones to judge the twelve tribes of Israel. Moreover, everyone who has given up home, brothers or sisters, father or mother, wife or children or property for my sake will receive many times as much and inherit everlasting life. Many who are first shall be last, and the last shall come first.’ ”
- **Isaiah 30: 15- 22:** “For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: ‘By waiting and by calm you shall be saved, in quiet and in trust your strength lies.’ But this you did not wish. No, you said upon horses we will flee, - very well, flee! Not so swift as your pursuers. A thousand shall tremble at the threat of one, if five threaten you, you shall flee. Until you are left like a flagstaff on a mountaintop, like a flag on a hill. Yet the Lord is waiting to show you favor, and he rises to pity you; For the Lord is a God of justice, blessed are all who wait for him. O people of Zion who dwell in Jerusalem no more will you weep; He will be gracious to you when you cry out, as soon as he hears he will answer you. The Lord will give you the bread you need and the water for which you thirst. No longer will your teacher hide himself, but

with your own eyes you shall see your teacher, while from behind, a voice shall sound in your ears; 'This is the way; walk in it' when you turn to the right or the left. And you shall consider unclean your silver plated idols and your gold covered images; You shall throw them away like filthy rags to which you will say, be gone! "

- **Comment:** Another translation states by waiting and calm you will be saved.
- **Comment:** When you went through the eye of the needle, you needed to get rid of a lot of baggage to allow the camel to enter. We should not look to silver or gold to save us as TV commercials suggest. The Lord is more precious than silver, more costly than gold.
- **Comment:** Today, 3% of super rich own over 90% of the wealth in the world.

## **PEOPLE OF GOD ANNIVERSARY DINNER**

**Friday, October 28, 2016**

**VISION:** Lord is waiving a scepter, but says "Do not fear, don't worry. I am with you."

- **Esther Chapter D: 6-12** - "... she stood face to face with the king, who was seated on his royal throne, clothed in full robes of state, covered with gold and precious stones, so that he inspired great awe. As he looked up, his features ablaze with the height of majestic anger, the queen staggered, changed color, and leaned weakly against the head of the maid in front of her. But God changed the king's anger to gentleness. In great anxiety he sprang from his throne, held her in his arms until she recovered, and comforted her with reassuring words. 'What is it Esther?' he said to her. 'I am your brother, take courage. You shall not die because of this general decree of ours. Come near.' Raising the golden scepter, he touched her neck with it, embraced her and said 'Speak to me.' "
- **WORD:** You shall go forth in great confidence – the Lord is with you.
- **Luke 17:10** – "When you have done all you have been commanded to do say, 'We are useless servants. We have done no more than our duty!'"

### **NO General Gathering in November**

#### December 11, 2016 POGC Gathering Readings and Words (Summary notes) and Sharings

**Is 40:9-11:** Go up onto a high mountain, Zion, cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem herald of good news. Fear not to cry out, here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord God who rules by his strong arm. Here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock, in his arms he gathers the lambs carrying them in his bosom and leading the ewes with care.

Sharing: Talk about heaven (salvation) not just superficial things. How can we proclaim Him next year?

Vision/Sharing: Understand the joy of suffering-offer your sufferings to me with joy. My strength is in the cross, my strong arm nailed to the cross. Martyrs offering their sufferings in unity with Christ. Witness about offering suffering in the hospital to Jesus by being with Him on the cross.

Sharing about unity and others completing our witness to Christ as someone completed the song Blessed Assurance.

Word: More power in dying with love for another person than in any charism.

Sharing: Keep praying until it becomes joy.

Teaching on Remembering, Repenting, Rehearsing.