



From the Liturgy Office...

What is World Day for the Poor?

In his apostolic letter to close the Year of Mercy in 2017, Pope Francis suggested the Catholic Church set aside one day each year when communities can “reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel.” He designated this day as the “World Day of the Poor.” It will be celebrated on the thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary time (two Sundays before the season of Advent each year).

Pope Francis writes, ***“It would be a day to help communities and each of the baptized to reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel and that, as long as Lazarus lies at the door of our homes (cf. Lk 16:19-21), there can be no justice or social peace. This Day will also represent a genuine form of new evangelization (cf. Mt 11:5) which can renew the face of the Church as She perseveres in her perennial activity of pastoral conversion and witness to mercy.”***

This year, World Day of the Poor falls on **Sunday, 15 November 2020** and this year’s theme is, ***“Stretch forth your hand to the poor” (Sir 6:7).***

Pope Francis’ full message on the Fourth World Day of the Poor, can be found at:
<http://www.pcpne.va/content/pcpne/en/attivita/gmdp/2020/messaggio.html>

Therefore, as we reflect upon the poverty which exists in our world, let us pray that we may have the courage to embrace the call to, ***“Let us love, not with words but with deeds”.*** -- Pope Francis.

God bless,
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