SANTUÁRIO DE FÁTIMA
SHRINE OF FATIMA

25 november, 2008

**Christmas celebrations at the Shrine of Fatima**



**Christmas Message from the Rector of the Shrine of Fatima**

*Dear Friend,*

*In this holy time of Christmas, we would like to share with you the great joy of the Birth of Jesus Christ, Our Savior. We thank God for having us know such a great mystery of love.*

*The Shrine of Fatima thinks that it has the mission of keeping on helping many people to receive this announcement. Not only because it is Church, but also because it is the special depositary of this message from Heaven, a message of peace brought by Mary, the Mother of Jesus.*

*We believe that Christmas is that wonderful time of encounter of God with Us, the only encounter capable of comforting mankind in its sorrows, which are unfortunately many... We would like to be close to everyone; to that end, our prayer to the Mother of Jesus is the privileged means available to us.*

*Please be assured of our friendship and prayer.*

*We wish you a Merry Christmas!*

*Fr. Virgílio Antunes*

December 2008

In renewed joy and hope brought about by the birth of Our Savior, the Shrine of Fatima, like in previous years, offers a special welcome to pilgrims who intend to stay in or visit Fatima at this time of the year.

Merry Christmas to all!

**Christmas Vigil:**

Day 24:

22h20 – Office of Reading, in Most Holy Trinity Church
23h00 – Holy Mass of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in Most Holy Trinity Church.

**Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord:**
Day 25:
- Day Masses (osculation of the Child Jesus):
07h30, 12h30 and 18h30, in Basilica.
09h00, 11h00, 15h00 and 16h30, in Most Holy Trinity Church.
17h30 - Sung Vespers (Evening Prayer), in Basilica.

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph:**
Day 28 – Sunday schedule.
11h00 – Holy Mass in Most Holy Trinity Church and Consecration of the Family.

**Prayer Vigil and Fraternization:**
Day 31:
22h00 – Holy Mass and Te Deum, in Most Holy Trinity Church,
followed by procession to Little Chapel and Recitation of the Rosary.

**New Year:**
00h00 – Tolling of bells, Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and Sign of Peace.
Tea party at House of Our Lady of Sorrows.

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