“Like the Magi, let us not return from the crib by the same route. That is, let us lead an entirely new life, a changed life, one transformed in God.” (63.3)
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Take time for prayer, reflection and transformation. Take time for yourself.

We wish you a blessed holiday season filled with peace and love.

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December 26

“O my God, when shall I possess you so as never to lose you?” (179.1)
December 27: St. John the Beloved  
Patron of the Society of Mary  
“God, give me new courage to walk in your footsteps!” (199.1)
December 28

“The God we receive loves all persons without distinction. We must never receive him with a heart that harbors ill will against another.” (65.5)
December 29

“We do not bear our cross alone, for [Jesus Christ] helps to bear it with us. In fact, he bears three-fourths of its weight.” (585.7)
December 30

“Courage, O my soul, we are assured of the victory, if we have but the will.” (78.1)
December 31

“God alone can do more for the good of our soul than all creatures put together. Wherever Providence chooses to put us, it provides us with many graces for salvation. Courage, therefore, courage.” (605.3)
January 1: Mary, Mother of God

“O my God, may I put to good use all the graces you will grant me this year.” (63.1)
January 2

“My dear friends, I wish you the peace of the Lord and I embrace you with all my heart.” (192.8)
January 3
“Draw me to you, Lord!” (304.1)
January 4

“What should we have become after so many Communions? Should not our tongue be holy after acting so often as the vehicle for this crucified Body? And what of our heart, which has become his temple, and our eyes, which have seen him under the sacred species?” (232.7)
January 5

“Let us put everything into the hands of God. If it is God’s work, he will see to it that it succeeds in spite of all our troubles. Should it not be his will or for his glory, God will not allow it to succeed in spite of our efforts.” (290.3)
January 6: Epiphany of the Lord

“The Magi went to adore [Jesus] in the crib; today it is himself who comes to us. He takes the first step; let us at least take the second.” (115.3)

1 This quote is from January 7th in God Alone, Thoughts from Adèle.