

ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace! —St. Francis

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ASH WEDNESDAY

READING I

JL 2, 12-18

A reading from the book of the prophet Joel

Even now says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning:

Rend your hearts, not your garments,
and return to the Lord, your God,

For gracious and merciful is he, slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment.

Perhaps he will again relent and leave behind him a blessing.

Offerings and libration for the Lord, your God.

Blow the trumpet in Zion! proclaim a fast,
call an assembly;

Gather the people, notify the congregation;
Assemble the elders, gather the children

and the infants at the breast;

Let the bridegroom quit his room,
and the bride her chamber.

Between the porch and the altar let the priests,
the ministers of the Lord, weep,

And say, "Spare, O Lord, your people, and make not your heritage a reproach, with the nations ruling over them!

Why should they say among the peoples,
"Where is their God?"

Then the Lord was stirred to concern for his land
and took pity on his people.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 51, 3-4.5-6.12-13.14.17

R./ Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.

R./ Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

For I acknowledge my offense, and my sin is before me always: "Against you only have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight.

R./ Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your holy spirit take not from me.

R./ Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

READING II *2 Cor 5, 20-6, 2*

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Be reconciled to God, now is the acceptable time. We are ambassadors for Christ, God as it were appealing through us. We implore you, in Christ's name: be reconciled to God! For our sakes God made him who did not know sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the very holiness of God.

As your fellow workers we beg you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says, "In an acceptable time I have heard you; on a day of salvation I have helped you." Now is the acceptable time! Now is the day of salvation!

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL

6 Mt, 1-6, 16-18

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Your Father, who sees all that is done in secret, will reward you.

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be on guard against performing religious acts for people to see. Otherwise expect no recompense from your heavenly Father. When you give alms, for example, do not blow a horn before you in synagogues and streets like hypocrites looking for applause. You can be sure of this much, they are already repaid. In giving alms you are not to let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. Keep your deeds of mercy secret, and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

"When you are praying, do not behave like the hypocrites who love to stand and pray in synagogues or on street corners in order to be noticed. I give you my word, they are already repaid. Whenever you pray, go to your room, close your door, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees what no man sees, will repay you.

"When you fast, you are not to look glum as the hypocrites do. They change the appearance of their faces so that others may see they are fasting. I assure you, they are already repaid. When you fast, see to it that you groom your hair and wash your face. In that way no one can see you are fasting but your Father who is hidden; and your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you."

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you Lord, Jesus Christ.

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Celebration of the Eucharist

HYMN OF FAITH

To Thee we come, O Lord our God,
Before Thine altar Father,
Thou knowest best our yearning hearts,
This supplication answer.
Lift up from want thy people, Lord.
Bless us O God, O Father bless our toil.

Under Thy Cross we stand prepared,
To serve Thee with devotion,
Be it with sweat of blood or tears,
Or humble resignation.
For we Thy people are, O Lord,
Save us O God, O Father bless our toil.

Offertory Hymn

O, MY JESUS

O, my Jesus, knelt in anguish
On that night of pain and grief.
Lo, an angel soothes Thy sorrow,
Brings unto Thy soul relief.

Chorus:

Come, my Jesus, Come my Jesus,
Come, my Jesus, Hear my prayer.
Grant me, Lord, Thy grief to share.

Oh my Jesus, filled with suffering
Crucified on the shameful tree.
When Thou comest
to Thy Kingdom,
There, O Lord, Remember me.

Chorus

REPEAT ENTIRE HYMN

Communion Hymn

LORD FORGIVE

On the Cross, For the sins of man,
Our Lord was crucified.

On the Cross,
Mid great pain and suffering
He bled and died.

Chorus: Lord, forgive us
When we fail Thee,
Lord, forgive when
We betray Thee,
Lord, forgive.

From the Cross, Filled with mercy,
Our Dear Lord looked down on us.
From the Cross,
Torn with sorrow,
Yet He would forgive us.

Chorus

With the Cross, Hope of all who,
Would confess and come to Him.
With the Cross, He would gather,
All who would believe in Him.

Chorus

To the Cross,
All our love and Hope
We trust on Calvary.
To the Cross, We would give our,
Life, our hearts, our all to Thee.

Chorus

Recessional Hymn

CROSS OF COMPASSION

Cross of Compassion,
Cross of Salvation,
Cross of all wisdom,
Cross of love.

He who would seek Thee,
Love Thee and know Thee,
He shall find guidance,
from above.

Cross of Contrition,
Cross of Redemption,
Cross of all victory,
Cross of gain
We would come near Thee,
There rest our burden,
And share our sorrow,
grief and pain.



St. Patrick's Day/St. Joseph's Day Dinner Fundraiser

March 15th - 3:00 p.m. - Ask how you can help!

*Cook, prepare, bring a friend, bring in raffle prizes,
pay your way...*