



ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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*Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds*  
*January 1, 2012*

Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN -

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

CONTEMPORARY RITE - Mass Book pg. 63

GLORIA - "Angels We Have Heard On High"

READING I - Nm 6:22-27

The LORD said to Moses: "Speak to Aaron and his sons and tell them: This is how you shall bless the Israelites. Say to them: The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8.

**R. May God bless us in his mercy.**

May God have pity on us and bless us; may he let his face shine upon us. So may your way be known upon earth; among all nations, your salvation.

**R. May God bless us in his mercy.**

May the nations be glad and exult because you rule the peoples in equity; the nations on the earth you guide.

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May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you! May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear him!

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READING II - Gal 4:4-7

Brothers and sisters: When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. As proof that you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir, through God.

GOSPEL - Luke 2:16-21

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.

When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. This is the gospel of the Lord.

R/: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS -

RESPONSE - Lord Hear Our Prayer!

OFFERTORY HYMN -

"The First Noel"

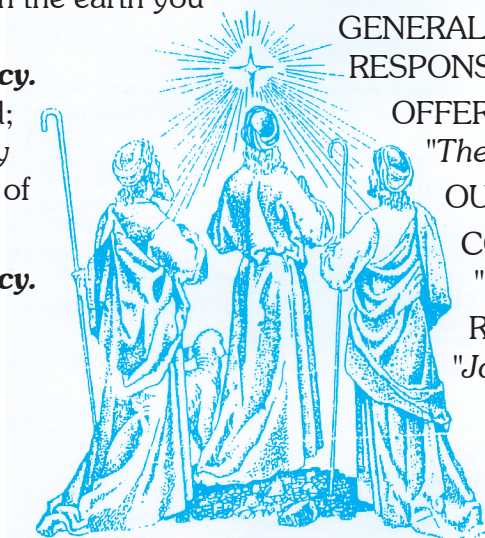
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COMMUNION HYMNS -

"The First Noel"

RECESSIONAL HYMN -

"Joy to the World"



## St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

Happy  
New Year  
2012

### **HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR 2012! A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR**

The new year, like a new born child, is placed in our hands as the old year passes away. The days and weeks to come are God's gift; they carry God's blessing. As a blessing we welcome them. Our hope for the year ending is that all that was good in it remain with us and all that was harmful be left behind.

### **LET THERE BE 'PEACE'!**

Since January 1<sup>st</sup> is a day for praying for peace, the Prayer of St. Francis suits this day; Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Good Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

### **AND DON'T FORGET OUR NEW TRADITION FOR NEXT WEEK...**

We are starting a NEW tradition at St. Francis Parish. On Sunday, January 8, 2012, as we celebrate the Epiphany, bring in your baby Jesus from your Creche, and Fr. Andrew will have a special blessing of your baby Jesus.

### **AND A BIG HUGE THANK YOU...**

to Thomas & Lorraine Kompa, the king & queen of pierogie sales to help keep St. Francis afloat!!!!

### **ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE (d. 100) Dec. 27**

St. John was born in Galilee, the son of Zebedee the fisherman. Along with his brother, St. James the Great, he was called by Jesus to be one of his closest disciples. He witnessed the Transfiguration on Mount Tabor and Jesus' agony in the Garden of Gethsemani. As the "disciple whom Jesus loved," John rested his head on the Lord's breast at the Last Supper and was the only one to stand with Mary beneath the Cross on Calvary. Jesus committed John to his mother's care, "Woman, behold your son," and in turn gave Mary to him as his mother, "Son, behold your mother."

On Easter Sunday, John ran with Peter to see the empty tomb and believed that Christ was risen from the dead. After Pentecost, at the temple gate with Peter, he healed the cripple who sat begging alms. John was a founder of the Church at Jerusalem and after some years went to Ephesus in Asia Minor. Here, according to tradition, he lived with Mary till her death and authored the great Gospel and Epistles that bear his name.

Early sources say that because of his teachings he was banished to the island of Patmos for a time and there wrote down revelations from heaven in a book called The Apocalypse or Revelations. He opposed heretics who denied that Jesus was God and taught his followers the great commandment of love. St. Jerome writes that as an old man too weak to engage in any activity, he would repeat to those he met, "My little children, love one another." When someone asked him why he repeated these same words over and over, he replied, "Because it is the Lord's teaching, and if you keep it you do enough." He died at Ephesus when he was about 94 years old.

