

# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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Sunday, January 16, 2011 - **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

**R/. Na wieki, wiekow Amen.**

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

**R/. Now and forever. Amen.**

9:00 AM - "Hymn of Faith"

## CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

CONTEMPORARY RITE - Mass Book page 63

### READING I - Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

The LORD said to me: You are my servant, Israel, through whom I show my glory. Now the LORD has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb, that Jacob may be brought back to him and Israel gathered to him; and I am made glorious in the sight of the LORD, and my God is now my strength! It is too little, the LORD says, for you to be my servant, to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and restore the survivors of Israel; I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

**R/ Here am I Lord; I come to do your will.**

I have waited, waited for the Lord, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry. And he put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God.

**R/ Here am I Lord; I come to do your will.**

Sacrifice or oblation you wished not, but ears open to obedience you gave me. Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not; then said I, "Behold I come."

**R/ Here am I Lord; I come to do your will.**

"In the written scroll it is prescribed for me, to do your will, O my God, is my delight. And your law is within my heart!"

**R/ Here am I Lord; I come to do your will.**

I announced your justice in the vast assembly; I did not restrain my lips, as you, O Lord, know.

**R/ Here am I Lord; I come to do your will.**

### READING II - Corinthians 1:1-13

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy, with all those everywhere who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Priest/Lector: ALLELUIA. **R/: ALLELUIA.**

Verse. **R/: ALLELUIA.**

### GOSPEL - John 1:29-34

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel." John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**R/: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Fairest Lord Jesus"

OUR FATHER - Mass book page 95

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE -

"O Lord I Am Not Worthy"

POST COMMUNION HYMN - "We Gather Together"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Let There Be Peace On Earth"



## St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

### ST. AGNES (d. 304) January 21

Toward the end of his reign, Emperor Diocletian, fearful that Christians were causing the gradual decline of the Roman empire, began a general persecution of the Church in the year 303. For about two years, the Christians of Rome lived in fear.

Agnes, born into a wealthy family, was a beautiful young girl of thirteen. She was brought before the Roman governor by some young men who were incensed by her refusal to marry them. They thought the ordeal of a trial would shake her belief in Jesus Christ and bring her over to their sensual style of life.

At first, the judge tried to coax her to renounce her faith by promises of a luxurious and comfortable life. When Agnes remained firm, he tried to terrify her by showing the instruments of torture she would experience if she did not yield. Agnes was then sent to a house of prostitution. Upon her release, she angered the governor when she bravely defended her vow to give herself only to Christ. As a result, he had her executed by the sword. Christians honored this young, defenseless girl for her invincible faith and celebrated her memory by building a great shrine in Rome over the place where she was buried on the Vis Nomentana.

### BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY

Henri Nouwen  
YEARNING FOR  
PERFECT LOVE

When we act out of

loneliness our actions easily become violent. The tragedy is that much violence comes from a demand for love. When loneliness drives our search for love, kissing easily leads to biting, caressing to hitting, looking tenderly to looking suspiciously, listening to over hearing, and surrender to rape. The human heart yearns for love: love without conditions, limitations, or restrictions. But no human being is capable of

offering such love, and each time we demand it we set ourselves on the road to violence.

How then can we live nonviolent lives? We must start by realizing that our restless hearts, yearning for perfect love, can only find that love through communion with the One who created them.

### MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

Monday, January 17

This day is observed to commemorate the birthday (January 15) of Martin Luther King Jr., (1929-1968). **He was a noted** U.S. clergyman and leader in the black civil rights movement.

### ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS

Helen Steiner Rice - GOD'S MIGHTY HAND

God's mighty hand can be felt every minute, for there is nothing on earth that God isn't in it.

"Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him." —Psalm 98:1

Today thank God for holding you in the palm of His hand a hand that is both gentle and strong!



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