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Sunday, January 120 2013
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.

8:00 AM - "*Come All Ye Faithful*"

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READING I - Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch.

Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory; you shall be called by a new name pronounced by the mouth of the LORD. You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD, a royal diadem held by your God. No more shall people call you "Forsaken," or your land "Desolate," but you shall be called "My Delight," and your land "Espoused." For the LORD delights in you and makes your land his spouse. As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10

R. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Sing to the LORD a new song;

sing to the LORD, all you lands.

Sing to the LORD; bless his name.

R. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Announce his salvation, day after day.

Tell his glory among the nations;

among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

R. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Give to the LORD, you families of nations,

give to the LORD glory and praise;

give to the LORD the glory due his name!

R. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Worship the LORD in holy attire.

Tremble before him, all the earth;

Say among the nations: The LORD is king.

He governs the peoples with equity.

R. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

READING 2 - 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Brothers and sisters: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but

the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another, the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another, faith by the same Spirit; to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit; to another, mighty deeds; to another, prophecy; to another, discernment of spirits; to another, varieties of tongues; to another, interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest/Lector: Verse. **R:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL - John 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told the them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from — although the servers who had drawn the water knew —, the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him This is the Gospel of the Lord. **R: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

OFFERTORY HYMN -

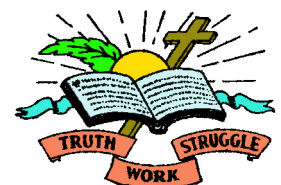
"Jesus, the All Beautiful"

COMMUNION HYMN -

"Christ Be Our Light"

RECESSIONAL HYMN -

"Down By the River to Pray"



St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL Apostle, First Century

This feast day is celebrated on January 25th. The Church celebrates the conversion of St. Paul because of its extraordinary nature. Paul, who was known as Saul before his conversion was born at Tarsus in Cilicia, to Jewish parents. A Roman citizen, he was educated in Jerusalem under the tutelage of Gamaliel, a Pharisee. He became a Pharisee and fully embraced the law of Moses. Paul became an avowed enemy of the infant Church and engaged in the persecution of Christians. It is noted that he was present at the stoning of St. Stephen. Between the years 34 and 36, Paul was on his way to Damascus to arrest Christians and bring them back to Jerusalem. His encounter with Christ would change his life and have a dramatic effect on Christianity. Profoundly influenced by this grace of God, the converted apostle preached Christ to the nations. Today the feast of Paul's conversion ends the Church Unity Octave - an annual eight day period of prayer for Christian unity. Inspired by Father Paul Wattson, founder of the Society of the Atonement, this observance has spread from the United States to various other lands and is celebrated in many Protestant and Orthodox, as well as Catholic Churches. We pray: Lord, in your mercy and by the power of your Spirit, take away the unhappy divisions that separate Christians, so that we may all be one in faith and love. Amen.

WHEN GOD MEASURES A MAN, HE PUTS THE TAPE AROUND THE HEART INSTEAD OF THE HEAD.

"For the Lord seeth not as man seeth;
for man looketh on the outward appearance,
but the Lord looketh on the heart." —1 Samuel 16:7

A preacher once preached an entire series of sermons on some very challenging scriptures in hopes of winning one particular man of great intellect to Christ. Shortly after the series ended, to the preacher's delight, the man came forward to announce that he had become a convinced Christian and wanted to join the church. Pleased with himself, the preacher said, "And which of my sermons was it that removed your doubts?" The man replied, "Your sermons? It wasn't any of your sermons." "What was it then?" the preacher asked, greatly disappointed. The man said, "The thing that set me thinking was when a poor woman came out of the church and stumbled down the steps right beside me. When I put out my hand to help her, she smiled and said, 'Thank you' and then added, 'Do

you love Jesus Christ my blessed Savior? He means everything to me.' I did not then but I thought about what she had said. I found I was on the wrong road. I still have many questions, but now Jesus means everything to me too." Faith is not based on convincing God of our goodness. Faith is receiving God's goodness, which He has given us through Jesus Christ.

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

Monday, January 21st commemorates the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., 1929-1968, a U.S. clergyman and leader in the black civil-rights movement.

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY - Henri Nouwen FROM UNCEASING THINKING TO UNCEASING PRAYER

Our minds are always active. We analyze, reflect, day-dream, or dream. 'There is not a moment during the day or night when we are not thinking. You might say our thinking is "unceasing." Sometimes we wish that we could stop thinking for a while; that would save us from many worries, quilt feelings, and fears. Our ability to think is our greatest gift, but it is also the source of our greatest pain. Do we have to become victims of our unceasing thoughts? No, we can convert our unceasing thinking into unceasing prayer by making our inner monologue into a continuing dialogue with our God, who is the source of all love .

Let's break out of our isolation and realize that Someone who dwells in the center of our beings wants to listen with love to all that occupies and preoccupies our minds!

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS

Helen Steiner Rice - MY BURDEN

Lord, don't let me falter, don't let me lose my way, don't let me cease to carry my burden day by day.

"He says. "I removed the burden from their shoulders; their hands were set free from the basket. In your distress you called and I rescued you." —Psalm 81:6-7 Today with God's help, carry your burdens and seek solutions!

Upcoming Important Dates

Sunday, January 27 - 10:30 am
Parish Council Meeting
& Elections

Sunday, March 24 - 3:00 pm
St. Patrick / St. Joseph Fundraiser
Dinner