



# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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**Sunday, January 23, 2011 - THIRD 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 - Is 8:23-9:3-1

First the Lord degraded the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali; but in the end he has glorified the seaward road, the land west of the Jordan, the District of the Gentiles.

Anguish has taken wing, dispelled is darkness: for there is no gloom where but now there was distress. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, as they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils. For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom should I fear? The LORD is my life's refuge;  
of whom should I be afraid?

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

One thing I ask of the LORD; this I seek:  
To dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,  
That I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD  
and contemplate his temple.

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

READING II - 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose. For it has been reported to me about you, my broth-

ers and sisters, by Chloe's people, that there are rivalries among you. I mean that each of you is saying, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with the wisdom of human eloquence, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its meaning.

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

Verse. **R/: ALLELUIA.**

GOSPEL - Matthew 4:12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled: Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen. From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him. He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people. 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 HYMNS -

"O Lord I Am Not Worthy" & "Come Unto Jesus"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman"

# St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

## ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

"Lightweight straw of scholarship", Patron of Scholars, Theologians, and Pencilmakers. His Feast Day is January 26th. Known to posterity as the "Light of the Church" for his writing, the Summa Theologiae. In it he carefully distinguished between faith and reason, and he marshaled arguments from reason to prove the existence of God, as well as his eternal nature and goodness. At the end of his career, he considered everything he had written as "so much straw". Aquinas also wrote prayers and hymns that are still used in the Catholic liturgy. His prayer: Thomas, help me keep a balance between my head and heart. While formal learning and intellectual development are important, I pray that I never consider visionary and heartfelt experiences to be second best. God reveals himself in both ways, and I ask that both my head and my heart will be open to divine truths. Amen.

## THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL, first century, January 25

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 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 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 affect 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 most Protestant and Orthodox, as well as Catholic Churches. We pray, Lord, in your mercy and may the power of your Spirit, take away the unhappy divisions that separates Christians, so that we may all be one in faith and love. Amen.

## ENVELOPES / DUES

Please note that "Offering Envelopes" for 2011 are available on our table located in the back of the church. Parish Membership is \$100.00 per family and \$50.00 for individual. These dues note the Parish membership and are allocated to the Central Diocese. Our Parish welcomes all memberships. Tax letters will soon be out for your 2010 tax year St. Francis Charitable Deductions. For further information or questions, contact our Treasurer, Cheryl Haase.

## CHURCH BELLS, TRADITION AND LEGEND

The church bell remains a unique, purposeful and historically powerful item of the Christian church. So like the caller of a Moslem minaret, the bells ring calls the community to prayer. It remains to mark the life of the people - births, marriages, deaths and important events in life through the church. Most importantly it remains to note the beginning and end of a Mass. The well known "Angelus," so named from the opening words "Angelus Domini." This bell rung was a reminder to announce a time of prayer, said at morning, noon and evening. This mindful ring brought to mind the Angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary, that she would bear the Son of Salvation for the world. For the faithful these times remain a time to be still and reflective, if only for a few moments, thankful for their blessings and for the day.

The bell in legend is said to be a call to the angels, "the messengers of heaven," to the human place of prayer. They are said to be summoned to this call, to listen to our prayers and guard the places of Our Lord. As the bell again closes the service, the angels return with their messages, safe and secure. So in thought and prayer we remain - as the bell tolls in the distance. For whom does the bell toll?

## HALL RENTALS

Know of someone in need of a Hall? Please Keep St. Francis Hall in mind. Reasonable in price, dates available, for parties or meetings. Call Fr. Andrew, 794-5189.

## OUR CORNERSTONE

Note the date of our church cornerstone, 1932! This year we mark St. Francis Church, 79th Anniversary. Through many storms, trials and tribulations, we have succeeded to this date and continue forward, with good efforts and maintaining a "Peaceful Place of Prayer."

## "I CALL TO YOU"

Are "YOU" interested in becoming a Lector or Altar Server.? We need you for 2011! Please, contact Fr. Andrew.



## 'GLORY TO GOD'

We welcome ALL to our Parish family and our hope and prayer is that you find peace and comfort at St. Francis. Encourage someone you know to share in the Celebration of the Eucharist, join together in the 'Glory to God'. Please, join us after Mass, in the Parish Hall, for coffee and a roll, a time to listen, care and share. God's peace and blessings!