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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"

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READING I - Isaiah 8:23-9:3

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 42:1, 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 2 - 1 Corinthians 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 brothers 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, Alleluia, Alleluia

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

GOSPEL - Matthew 4:12-23 [or 4:12-17]

[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.

GENERAL CONCESSIONS

OFFERTORY HYMN - *Cry of the Poor*

COMMUNION HYMN- *Christ Be Our Light*

RECESSIONAL - *Center of My Life*

St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"



TODAY'S MASS INTENTIONS:

Special Health & Recovery Needs for:
Thomas Maloney and
Health and Strength Needs for:
Linda Maloney
offered by Thomas & Lorraine Kompa

SAVE THE DATES

February 2nd - Parish meeting after breakfast.
Please be there to offer suggestions, etc.
March 23rd - Parish Fundraiser Dinner, 3 pm
Ask how you can help.

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.

OUR MISSION CALL

Our Parish of St. Francis may be small and humble, there lies our assets of being a grand community, rich in spirit and open with opportunities for further growth. We remain Christ-centered, where love, forgiveness and respect are the qualities of our parish. Yes, it is the need of our parish, now and always to increase our membership and for the entire Church. But more importantly our need is to bring people to Christ, that they may receive His most needed grace, redemption and ultimately salvation. At this time we must reach-out and become his missionaries! May our goal remain to bring back into our parish, inactive members, to reach-out to the surrounding community who belong to no church, inviting family, friends and those who seek a place of peace and comfort! Participate, reach-out, and promote your parish. Together we grow in spirit and continue our faith's journey ...

"SEEK -THE LORD"

We welcome all to our Parish. Our hope is that You find peace and comfort in this place of prayer. We come together and seek the Lord" - on our faith's journey, through the Celebration of the Eucharist. Please join us after Mass, in the Parish Hall, for coffee and a roll. It remains a special time for fellowship, time to share, listen and care for one another! Come, seek the Lord!

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?

