

# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*Sunday, January 27, 2013 • 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.

8:00 AM - "Come All Ye Faithful"

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## READING I - Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, which consisted of men, women, and those children old enough to understand. Standing at one end of the open place that was before the Water Gate, he read out of the book from daybreak till midday, in the presence of the men, the women, and those children old enough to understand; and all the people listened attentively to the book of the law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the occasion. He opened the scroll so that all the people might see it — for he was standing higher up than any of the people —; and, as he opened it, all the people rose. Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people, their hands raised high, answered, "Amen, amen!" Then they bowed down and prostrated themselves before the LORD, their faces to the ground. Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. Then Nehemiah, that is, His Excellency, and Ezra the priest-scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people: "Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep"— for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law. He said further: "Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared; for today is holy to our LORD. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!"

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15

**R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul; The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

**R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye.

**R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; The ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just.

**R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

Let the words of my mouth and the thought of my heart find favor before you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

**R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

## READING 2 - 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27

Brothers and sisters: As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. Now the body is not a single part, but many. You are Christ's body, and individually parts of it..

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

**R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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

## GOSPEL - Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received.

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all.

He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord. Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." 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"

### ST. VINCENT (d. 304) January 22

St. Vincent, a young deacon of Saragossa, Spain, together with his Bishop, Valerius, were sentenced to a lengthy imprisonment for their faith during the persecution of Diocletian in the third century. After their ordeal, they were brought before Dacian, the Roman governor, who found that Vincent was unbroken in his belief and in high spirits. Soon after, Valerius was exiled. Infuriated by the young man's resistance, Dacian became obsessed with a desire to subdue him. Using every sadistic torture he could devise, he continually tried to crush the young deacon's resolve, but could not. After Vincent's death, the governor ordered his body hidden in an unknown place, but it was found by Christians who placed it in an honored grave. Vincent died at Valencia in 304. His prayer: Father, you gave St. Vincent courage to endure torture and death. Strengthen us in your love. Amen.

### BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY - Henri Nouwen

A reflection of faith and wisdom...

#### COMMUNITY SUPPORTED BY SOLITUDE

Solitude greeting solitude, that's what community is all about. Community is not the place where we are no longer alone but the place where we respect, protect, and reverently greet one another's aloneness. When we allow our aloneness to lead us to solitude, our solitude will enable us to rejoice in the solitude of others. Our solitude roots us in our hearts. Instead of making us yearn for company that will offer us immediate satisfaction, solitude makes us claim our center and empowers us to call others to claim theirs. Our various solitudes are like strong, straight pillars that hold up the roof of our communal house. Thus, solitude always strengthens community.

### BLESS OUR HOUSE!

There is still opportunity to have your home Blessed for the New Year. It is a short blessing at the entrance of your home and remains an addition for your spiritual growth. Interested? Please contact Fr. Andrew for a visit.

### ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS - Helen Steiner Rice I LOVE YOU BEST

God, help me in my own small way to somehow do something each day to show You that I love You best and that my faith will stand each test.

"I believed; therefore I said, I am greatly afflicted."

—Psalm 116:10

Today accomplish at least one act of kindness no matter how small or insignificant it may seem.

### "PEOPLE OF PEACE"

May you find peace and comfort in the Celebration of the Eucharist here at St. Francis Church. You are welcomed to join our Parish family, in membership or as a friend of St. Francis. Always your thoughts and helping hands are appreciated. Our extended invitation to join us after Mass, in the Parish Hall for coffee and a roll. Our time of Fellowship, to share, listen and care with one another. People of Peace, our journey continues...

### PARISH NOTES...

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** will not be used this year, so for your own tax purposes, you may want to make donations to St. Francis PNCC in the form of check or money order.

**TAX LETTERS** will soon be out for your St. Francis Charitable Deductions for the tax year 2012.

### OUR ANNUAL MEETING - 2013

St. Francis Parish, Annual Meeting will be held today, Sunday, January 27th, after Sunday Mass. This meeting is important for all Parishioners. We will review the works of the parish, election of Parish Council for 2013, review finances, and open future issues and projects for the new year. Come help continue good efforts and good directions for our Parish! Please give this meeting your time and attention! Thank you!

#### Upcoming Important Dates

##### TODAY

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

**Sunday, March 10 - 3:00 pm**  
St. Patrick / St. Joseph Fundraiser  
Dinner