

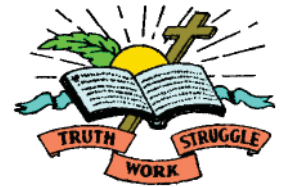


ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 9, 2011

9:00 AM - Celebration of the Eucharist

Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN - "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

CONTEMPORARY RITE - Mass Book pg. 63

READING I - Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Thus says the LORD: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street. a bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth; the coastlands will wait for his teaching.

I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Give to the LORD, you sons of God, give to the LORD glory and praise, Give to the LORD the glory due his name; adore the LORD in holy attire.

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters, the LORD, over vast waters. The voice of the LORD is mighty; the voice of the LORD is majestic.

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

The God of glory thunders, and in his temple all say, "Glory!" The LORD is enthroned above the flood; the LORD is enthroned as king forever.

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

READING II - Acts 10:34-38

Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, saying: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

Priest or Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

R. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Verse.

R. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

GOSPEL - Mt 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?"

Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him. After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

This is the gospel of the Lord.

R/: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS -
RESPONSE -

God Hear Us!

OFFERTORY HYMN -

"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"

OUR FATHER - page 95

COMMUNION HYMNS -

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

RECESSIONAL HYMN -

"Joy to the World"



St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

THE SEASON AFTER EPIPHANY

This period, which begins the day after the Octave of Epiphany, is an extension of Christmastide.

Jesus asserts His Divinity...not by the appearance of angels or the star of the Magi, but speaking Himself as God. He subjects our hearts to His teachings, explaining His divine doctrine with parables and manifesting the truth of His words and works of many miracles.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

When Jesus submitted himself for Baptism, John the Baptist balked, saying that it was Christ who should baptize him, but Jesus answered, "Let it be now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."

– Matthew 3:15

It is telling that Jesus began his public ministry with such a humble act. Time and again Jesus does the will of the Father, culminating in the Garden of Gethsemane, when he prays, "not my will, but thine, be done." – Luke 22:42

John the Baptist is an instrument of God and Jesus submits, not to John, but to God. So it is today. We will not always like or "get along" with other people in our parish, family, or neighborhood, but that is of no matter. We are always fulfilling the will of our Father, no matter the circumstances. We are called to Stewardship, we are called to sharing and giving. We are not called to judging or deciding the worthiness of the people we encounter.



BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY

Henri Nouwen

THE STILL, SMALL VOICE OF LOVE

Many voices ask for our attention. There is a voice that says, "Prove that you are a good person." Another voice says, "You'd better be ashamed of yourself." There also is a voice that says "Nobody really cares about you," and one that says, "Be sure to become successful, popular, and powerful." But underneath all these often very noisy voices is a still, small voice that says, "You are my Beloved, my favor rests on you." That's the voice we need most of all to hear. To hear that voice we need special effort; it requires solitude, silence, and a strong determination to listen. That's what prayer is. It is listening to the voice that calls us "my " Beloved."

ST. FRANCIS NOTES...

CHRISTMAS CARDS, once again we can recycle those Christmas cards. Lorraine Kompa is collecting the covers of Christmas cards and any other greeting cards, to be donated to our American Legion. They are used in various craft projects at Veterans hospitals. Thank you.

THE FREEPORT HUMANE SOCIETY is the continual need of towels, blankets, cleaning products and pet food. Please see Thomas or Lorraine Kompa with any donations.

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS...

Helen Steiner Rice

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Love one another and help those in need, regardless of color, race, church, or creed.

"Hatred stirs up dissension, but love covers over all wrongs."

Today concentrate on helping others and grasp each opportunity to offer encouragement and assistance!