St. Francis Polish National Catholic Church

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

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Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN -

"Hymn of Faith"

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READING I - 2 Kgs 5:14-17

Naaman went down and plunged into the Jordan seven times at the word of Elisha, the man of God. His flesh became again like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean of his leprosy. Naaman returned with his whole reti-

nue to the man of God. On his arrival he stood before Elisha and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel.

Please accept a gift from your servant."

Elisha replied, "As the LORD lives whom I serve, I will not take it;" and despite Naaman's urging, he still refused. Naaman said: "If you will not accept, please let me, your servant, have two mule-loads of earth, for I will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any other god except to the LORD."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 R.The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds; his right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

The LORD has made his salvation known: in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice. He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God. Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands:

break into song; sing praise.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

READING II - 2 Timothy 2:8-13
Beloved: Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory. This saying is trustworthy: If we have died with him we shall also live with him;

if we persevere we shall also reign with him. But if we deny him he will deny

us. If we are unfaithful he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself.

Priest or Cantor: Alleluia (3x)

R./ Alleluia (3x). Verse R./ Alleluia (3x).

GOSPEL - Luke 17:11-19

As Jesus continued his journey to Jerusalem, he traveled through Samaria and Galilee. As he was entering a village, ten lepers met him. They stood at a distance from him and raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" And when he saw them, he said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." This the gospel of the Lord.

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

GENERAL CONCESSIONS: God, Hear Us!

OFFERTORY HYMN - "In Thy Protection"

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 $\operatorname{COMMUNION}$ - "One Bread, One Body"

RECESSIONAL HYMN -

"Sing of the Lord's Goodness"

- St. Francis Weekly "Kompasitions"-

GOD IN THE SMALL STUFF

We easily find God in nature; the majesty of a rainbow after the thunderstorm; the incredible intricacy of a colony of ants; the still, quiet of a moonlit night; or the deafening roar of the mighty Niagara Falls. God is there, and we marvel at His handiwork.

We quickly identify God's involvement in the big celebrations of our lies; the birth of a child; the new job that remedies a financial crisis; or the car crash that left the vehicle totaled but our children unscathed. God is there, and we thank Him for His provision.

And we even acknowledge God's presence in the midst of tragedy; the report from the pathology lab; the severance notice; or the heartache in a home filled with broken relationships. God is there, and we depend upon him for strength.

But seeing God in these "big Things" of life is easy. The ore difficult task—yet a challenge just as rewarding—is seeing God in our everyday, mundane activities. We need to have a "God consciousness" about our daily routine. We need a "divine perspective" about the details of life. We mustn't overlook God in the small stuff.

When we realize that God is in the ordinary, our daily grind suddenly has meaning and purpose. The household chores, whether the lawn or the laundry, become an opportunity to express love and care for the other members of the household. A walk to the mailbox brings a chance to greet the neighbor who may be in desperate need of an encouraging word. The day at work presents the challenge of giving wholehearted effort which will be pleasing to God.

Before He create the universe ages ago, God knew all about us. We should not be surprised that He has ordered our days and is interactively involved in the events of our daily routine. Nothing escapes His notice. Nothing is too insignificant for His care. If we are involved with anything so is He.

Live your life with an overwhelming sense that God is present in the details all around you. There will be no boring moments. Life will take on a new meaning when you begin to see God in the small stuff!

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY... Henri Nouwen BREAKING THROUGH THE BOUNDARIES

The sacrament of the Eucharist, as the sacrament of the presence of Christ among and within us, has the unique power to unite us into one body, irrespective of age, color, race or gender, emotional condition, economic status or social backgrounds. The Eucharist breaks through all of these boundaries and creates the one body of Christ, living in the world as a vibrant sign of unity and community.

Jesus prays fervently to his Father, "May they all be one just as, Father, you are in me and I am in your, so that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe it was you who sent me" (John 17:21). The Eucharist is the sacrament of this divine unity lived out among all people.

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS... Helen Stein Rice A KIND, LOVING HEART

Some folks grow older with birthdays, it's true, but others grow nicer as years widen their view. No one will notice a few little wrinkles when a kind, loving heart fills the eyes full of twinkles.

'Children's children are a crown to the age.'
-Proverbs 17:6

Today fill an emptiness in someone's life. Irrespective of age, you can add happiness and eliminate loneliness in another person's day!

SAVE THE DATES for ST. FRANCIS UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2010 Christening of Robert Koterba

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2010

Christmas Dinner Fundraiser

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2010
Choir Concert Fundraiser