

# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*October 16, 2011 - Twenty-Ninth 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* - Is 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp, subduing nations before him, and making kings run in his service, opening doors before him and leaving the gates unbarred: For the sake of Jacob, my servant, of Israel, my chosen one, I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not. I am the LORD and there is no other, there is no God besides me. It is I who arm you, though you know me not, so that toward the rising and the setting of the sun people may know that there is none besides me. I am the LORD, there is no other.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10

**R. Give the Lord glory and honor.**

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands. Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

**R. Give the Lord glory and honor.**

For great is the LORD and highly to be praised; awesome is he, beyond all gods. For all the gods of the nations are things of nought, but the LORD made the heavens.

**R. Give the Lord glory and honor.**

Give to the LORD, you families of nations, give to the LORD glory and praise; give to the LORD the glory due his name! Bring gifts, and enter his courts.

**R. Give the Lord glory and honor.**

Worship the LORD, in holy attire; tremble before him, all the earth; say among the nations: The LORD is king, he governs the peoples with equity.

**R. Give the Lord glory and honor.**

## *READING II* - 1 Thes 1:1-5b

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father, knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God, how you were chosen. For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction.

Priest/Altar Server: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Verse.  
R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## *GOSPEL* - Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

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COMMUNION HYMN - "Christ Be Our Light"

RECESSIONAL HYMN -  
"Prayer of St. Francis"



# St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

## ST. LUKE

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Born of a pagan family, St. Luke became a convert to the Christian faith. He accompanied St. Paul on his second missionary journey and was with the apostle during his final imprisonment in Rome. Paul calls him "my dear friend Luke" in one of his epistles. Luke compiled the third Gospel. He describes at length the infancy of Jesus and emphasizes the Lord's prayerfulness and his mercy. The great parable of the Prodigal Son is found in Luke. The evangelist writes sensitively of Jesus' regard for women as well as his interest in the underprivileged and the outcasts of his society. In the Acts of the Apostles Luke relates the beginnings of the infant Church as it develops under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. He saw clearly the continuity of the Church from the time of Jesus to its later expansion into the Gentile world. In his writings the Church's roots go back to the traditions of Israel and its future will touch all the nations of the earth. The Holy Spirit, descending at Pentecost, guides her with surprising wisdom and power, leading individuals and the Church herself to undertake new ventures despite human reluctance and fear. One tradition says Luke died at Boeotia in Greece at the age of eighty-four. He is patron of painters and physicians. In art he is represented by an ox because he begins his Gospel with the account of the priest Zachary sacrificing in the temple. His prayer: Lord Jesus, may we grow in faith through the words of your Gospel. Amen.

### BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY

- Henri Nouwen

A refection of wisdom and faith...

### THE CHURCH SPOTLESS AND TAINTED

The Church is holy and sinful, spotless and tainted. The Church is the bride of Christ, who washed her in cleansing water and took her to himself "with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless" (Ephesians 5:26-27). The Church too is a group of sinful, confused, anguished people constantly tempted by the powers of lust and greed and always entangled in rivalry and competition. When we say that the Church is a body made Christ-like through baptism and Eucharist but also to the broken bodies of all the people who are its members. Only when we keep both these ways of thinking and speaking together can we live in the Church as true followers of Jesus.

**SAVE THE DATES for  
ST. FRANCIS UPCOMING EVENTS  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2011 - 3 p.m.  
Christmas Dinner Fund-raiser**

## HIS WORDS - FAITH

"...so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge - that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." —Ephesians 3:17-19

## EXTEND YOUR HANDS...

Like Christ, continue to extend an open hand to help others, there are many ways to serve ... Our Parish provides a St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Bin for our use. Please donate what you can and spread the word of its location ... Good efforts and good directions continue, with random acts of kindness, a given smile, volunteer, or donate to your charity of choice, take time to listen and care, look around and take action, and add another to your prayers! God Bless and keep You Always!

## PRAYER FOR THOSE LIVING ALONE

I live alone, dear Lord, stay by my side  
In all my daily needs, be Thou my guide.  
Grant me good health, for that I pray  
To carry on my work from day to day.  
Keep pure my thoughts, my every deed,  
Let me be kind and unselfish in my neighbor's needs.  
Spare me from fire, from floods, malicious tongues,  
From thieves, from fear, and evil ones.  
If sickness or an accident befall me,  
Then humbly, Lord,



do everything  
through him  
who gives me  
strength.

Philippians 4:13