



ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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October 17, 2010 - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

+ BAPTISM OF ROBERT STANISLAW KOTERBA +

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 - Ex 17:8-13

In those days, Amalek came and waged war against Israel. Moses, therefore, said to Joshua, "Pick out certain men, and tomorrow go out and engage Amalek in battle. I will be standing on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand." So Joshua did as Moses told him: he engaged Amalek in battle after Moses had climbed to the top of the hill with Aaron and Hur. As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight, but when he let his hands rest, Amalek had the better of the fight. Moses' hands, however, grew tired; so they put a rock in place for him to sit on. Meanwhile Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other, so that his hands remained steady till sunset. And Joshua mowed down Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes toward the mountains; whence shall help come to me? My help is from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

May he not suffer your foot to slip; may he slumber not who guards you: indeed he neither slumbers nor sleeps, the guardian of Israel.

R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

The LORD is your guardian; the LORD is your shade; he is beside you at your right hand. The sun shall not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

The LORD will guard you from all evil; he will guard your life. The LORD will guard your coming and your going, both now and forever.

R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

READING II - 2 Tm 3:14-4:2

Beloved: Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it, and that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work. I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingly power: proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching.

Priest or Cantor: Alleluia (3x)

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

GOSPEL - Lk 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. He said, "There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being. And a widow in that town used to come to him and say, 'Render a just decision for me against my adversary.' For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, 'While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.'" The Lord said, "Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says. Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" This the gospel of the Lord.

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

GENERAL CONCESSIONS: God, Hear Us!

OFFERTORY HYMN -

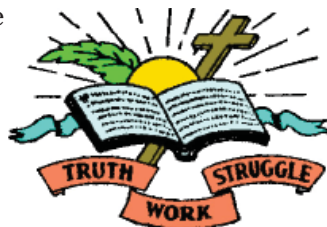
"How Great Thou Art"

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COMMUNION - "Here I Am Lord"

RECESSIONAL HYMN -

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"



St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

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The Parish extends its thoughts and prayers to you Robert on this very special day to your parents, Fr. Andrew and Monika, and brother, Adam, and all your dear family. God Bless You All!

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY...Henri Nouwen THE CHURCH, SPOTLESS AND TAINTED

The Church is holy and sinful, spotless and tainted. 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, we refer not only to the holy and faultless 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.

ST. LUKE (first century) October 18

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 society.

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 that 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.

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS...Helen Stein Rice REAL CONTENTMENT

It's by completing what God gives us to do that we find real contentment and happiness, too.

'Repay them for their deeds and for their evil work; repay them for what their hands have done and bring back upon them what they deserve.' -Psalm 28:4

Today eliminate procrastination. Complete the task before you!

ST. FRANCIS NOTES...

PROTECT THE CREATION! Give a little thought and practice...Think Green! Recycle, plant a garden, plant a tree, conserve your energy use, take a walk, encourage protection of our environment.

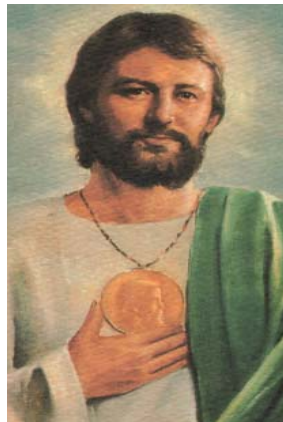
You can make a difference! Do a random or regular 'act of kindness', it does make a difference! "Be the change you would like to see in the world" -Mahatma Gandhi

THANKFULNESS: Good Stewardship continues at St. Francis in the giving of time, talent and treasure. "Thank you" to YOU! For the known and unknown, the big and the small...keeping St. Francis Parish on the go and our journey continues.

A MOMENT OF PRAYER

We offer this prayer that is based on the teachings of St. Francis of Assisi. "May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart. May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace. May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger and war, so tht you may reach out your hand to comfort them and turn teir pain to joy. And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you canmake adifference inthe world so that youmay do what others claim canotbe done; to bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor." Amen

-Brother Vito, OFM



CHURCH NEEDS: Our sanctuary is in need of several new items and we need a little help! We are hoping that these items would be donated or given with intention for the living or deceased or in honor, of a Joyous or Healing occasion. Please see Fr. Andrew if you are interested in such a donation. Thank you and God Bless!

1. Holy Water Pot & Sprinkler
2. Cruet Set and Tray
3. White Altar Cloths
4. Chalice Pall (2)
5. Purificator (2)
6. Corporal (2)
7. Lavabo Towel (2)
8. Altar Servers Albs (2)
9. Wheat Altar Bread



SAVE THE DATES for ST. FRANCIS UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2010
Christmas Dinner Fundraiser

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2010
Choir Concert Fundraiser