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Sunday, October 18, 2015

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.

8:00 AM - *"Hymn of Faith"*

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READING I - Is 53:10-11

The LORD was pleased to crush him in infirmity.

If he gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life, and the will of the LORD shall be accomplished through him.

Because of his affliction he shall see the light in fullness of days; through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

*R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*

Upright is the word of the LORD, and all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

*R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness, To deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine.

*R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*

Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield. May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us who have put our hope in you.

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as we place our trust in you.*

READING 2 - Hebrews 4:14-16

Brothers and sisters: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do

not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest/Lector: The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL - Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." He replied, "What do you wish me to do for you?" They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" They said to him, "We can." Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John. Jesus summoned them and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - *"Come Holy Ghost"*

COMMUNION HYMN- *"Christ Be Our Light"*

RECESSIONAL - *"Prayer of St. Francis"*

St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

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.

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 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.

His prayer: Lord Jesus, may we grow in faith through the words of your 'Gospel. Amen.



ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS - Helen Steiner Rice GOD IS NEAR YOU

Instead of just idle supposing step forward to meet each new day secure in the knowledge God's near you to lead you each step of the way.

"When you walk, your steps will not be hampered; when you run, you will not stumble." —Proverbs 4:12

Today accept the challenge that rests in the dawning of each new day. Appreciate God's presence and guidance. He will protect you if you stumble!

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY

- Henri Nouwen

BELIEVING IN THE CHURCH

The Church is an object of faith. In the Apostles' Creed we pray, "I believe in God, the Father...in Jesus Christ, his only Son...in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting." We must believe in the Church! The Apostles' Creed does not say that the Church is an organization that helps us to believe in God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. No, we are called to believe in the Church with the same faith we believe in God. Often it seems harder to believe in the Church than to believe in God. But whenever we separate our belief in God from our belief in the Church, we become unbelievers. God has given us the Church as the place where God becomes God with us.



"Resolve not to be overcome by evil, but to combat evil with Good."

—Pope Francis

"The best way to destroy an enemy is to make him a friend."

—Abraham Lincoln

"If something is wrong, fix it if you can. But train yourself not to worry. Worry never fixes anything."

—Ernest Hemingway

MARK THE DATE!

Sunday, December 5, 2015 - 3 p.m.

Christmas Fund-raiser Dinner. Ask how you can help.