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October 2, 2011 - Twenty-Seventh 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 5:1-7

Let me now sing of my friend, my friend's song concerning his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside; he spaded it, cleared it of stones, and planted the choicest vines; within it he built a watchtower, and hewed out a wine press. Then he looked for the crop of grapes,

Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard: What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done? Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? Now, I will let you know what I mean to do with my vineyard: take away its hedge, give it to grazing, break through its wall, let it be trampled! Yes, I will make it a ruin: it shall not be pruned or hoed, but overgrown with thorns and briars; I will command the clouds not to send rain upon it. The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished plant; he looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed! for justice, but hark, the outcry! but what it yielded was wild grapes.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

A vine from Egypt you transplanted; you drove away the nations and planted it. It put forth its foliage to the Sea, its shoots as far as the River.

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Why have you broken down its walls, so that every passer-by plucks its fruit, The boar from the forest lays it waste, and the beasts of the field feed upon it?

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name. O LORD, God of hosts, restore us; if your face shine upon us, then we shall be saved.

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

READING II - 2 Phil 4:6-9

Brothers and sisters: Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

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

GOSPEL - Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times." Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

OUR FATHER - Mass book page 95

COMMUNION HYMN - "O Lord I Am Not Worthy"
& "Sing of the Lord's Goodness"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Prayer of St. Francis"

St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"



OUR PATRON SAINT!

St. Francis
Lover of
all Creation

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI - OUR PATRON SAINT

October 4 (1182 - 1226)

St. Francis was born at Assisi, Italy, in 1182. The son of a wealthy cloth merchant, he enjoyed the benefits of his father's success: good food, fine clothing and entertainment, a busy social life, and a place in his father's business. Love of adventure prompted him to become involved in the wars then waged through the cities and regions of Italy.

On his way to battle at Spoleto one day, when he was in his early twenties, he became ill and heard a voice telling him to "serve the master rather than men." Returning to Assisi, he experienced a great change within himself. Meeting a leper on the road, he embraced him and gave him alms. He began to visit the sick and support the poor. Praying one day before the crucifix in the deserted country church of St. Damian, he heard a voice saying to him, "Francis, go and rebuild my house; it is falling down." In 1206, the young man left and sold his goods to repair the poor churches in his neighborhood and to care for the needy.

His father, thinking his son had gone mad, summoned him before the bishops. Francis stripped off his clothes and giving them to his father said, "I have called you my father on earth, but now I say, 'Our Father, who art in heaven.'" He left his father's home to follow Christ as a poor man, vowing to keep the words of the Gospel literally. Francis wished to reach the kingdom of heaven, to give freely what he received, to possess neither gold nor silver.

Joyful, simple, a lover of people and nature, Francis soon attracted companions who shared his love of Christ and the Gospel. In 1210, he went to Rome to seek approval of his way of life from Pope Innocent III. Blessing his endeavor and officially recognizing the Franciscans, the pope afterwards told of a dream in which he saw Francis holding up the pillars of the Church. He was joined by St. Clare in 1212 and convened over 5,000 Franciscans at Assisi in 1219 for the General Chapter of Mats.

With his call to return to the spirit of the Gospel, Francis gave new life to the Gospel, Francis gave new life to the Christian people of Italy and Europe. Missionaries were sent to Tunis and Morocco for the first time in 1219. He also traveled to the Holy Land where he preached to the Moslems and visited the places where Jesus lived and died. During this journey, he unsuccessfully tried to convert Sultan Malek al-Kamil of Egypt. His deep affection for the events of Jesus' life inspired him to recreate the Holy Child's birth at Christmas by erecting a creche at Gecchia in 1223. He loved the Passion of Jesus so much that he received the wounds of Christ known as the stigmata on his own body on

the Feast of the Holy Cross in 1224. "Nothing comforts me so much as to think of the life and Passion of our Lord," he said. "Were I to live till the end of the world I would need no other book."

In poor health and half blind, Francis died welcoming his Sister Death, while the Passion of Jesus was read aloud from the Gospel, on October 3, 1226.

"Praise be my Lord and God, with all his creatures and especially our brother the sun, who brings us the day and brings us the light; fair is he, and he shines with great splendor. O Lord, he is a sign to us of you! Praise be my Lord for our sister, the moon, and for the stars, set clear and lovely in heaven."

—St. Francis

AN ANGELIC THOUGHT

"We are each of us angels with only one wing, and we can only fly by embracing each other." —Luciano De Crescenzo

In Angels' Care

I thought I heard an angel's song as I was failing off to sleep,
The joyous "hallelujahs" came so lovely, I could weep.
As softened words filled my heart with peace and wondrous love,
I knew my heavenly Father had sent them from above.
I thought I felt an angel's hand reach out to comfort me,
While in the midst of troubled woe, I knew it had to be.
The impress was but feather light, but its comfort so much more.
I know that only God could know the sorrow that I bore.
I thought I saw an angel's wing in an instant spark of light;
I knew that they had gathered 'round to guard me through the night.
Only God could send them here to keep me in His care,
Now I'm content just knowing that there are angels everywhere.

Nancy Watson Dodrill

GUARDIAN ANGELS, October 2

"He has given his angels charge over you, to keep you in all ways. —Psalm 91

Both the Old and New Testaments recognize that God gives each person born into this world an angel guardian. Jesus, calling a little child to him, said that the angels in heaven watch over children such as this one. By a loving providence God reaches into human life to guard, protect and lead us on our way to salvation. We pray: In the presence of the angels, I will sing to you, my God. Amen.

SAVE THE DATES for
ST. FRANCIS UPCOMING EVENTS
TODAY--SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2011 - 3 p.m.
St. Francis Fall Fund-raiser Dinner.
Volunteer to help.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2011 - 3 p.m.
Christmas Dinner Fund-raiser