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October 23, 2011 - Thirtieth 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"

READING II - 1 Thes 1:5c-10

Brothers and sisters: You know what sort of people we were among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became a model for all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth not only in Macedonia and in Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything. For they themselves openly declare about us what sort of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus, who delivers us from the coming wrath

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

GOSPEL - Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - "*Fairest Lord Jesus*"

OUR FATHER - Mass book page 95

COMMUNION HYMN - "*Christ Be Our Light*"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "*Prayer of St. Francis*"

Mass Book page 63

READING I - Exodus 22:20-26

Thus says the LORD: "You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt. You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans.

"If you lend money to one of your poor neighbors among my people, you shall not act like an extortioner toward him by demanding interest from him. If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, you shall return it to him before sunset; for this cloak of his is the only covering he has for his body. What else has he to sleep in? If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, O LORD, my strength,
O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

My God, my rock of refuge, my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold! Praised be the LORD, I exclaim, and I am safe from my enemies.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

The LORD lives and blessed be my rock! Extolled be God my savior. You who gave great victories to your king and showed kindness to your anointed.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.



St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

ST. SIMON and ST. JUDE (first century) October 28

Little is known of Sts. Simon and Jude except that they were chosen by Jesus as apostles and appear well down on the list of twelve. They do not figure prominently in the Gospel stories, as do some other apostles. After Jesus, Ascension there is no reliable account of what happened to them. Stories of their founding the Church in Syria and Egypt are groundless.

Unlike Sts. Peter and Paul, whose words and deeds are widely reported in Scripture and whose achievements dramatically affected the society of their day, Simon and Jude appear to have done little that was notable. Yet the Church celebrates them among her founders, seeing their preaching revealing God to us and their prayers aiding her growth.

The apostles were not all of one mold. Some, like Peter and Paul, were active public figures immersed in the controversy and changing movements of their time. Others, perhaps like Simon and Jude, may have taken a quieter path. Yet their voices too have been heard through all the earth.

Not only brilliant, active, and achieving apostles communicate the faith. Some, also apostles, may pass on this treasure in simpler, unnoticed ways; ordinary sowers, they cast the seed of faith undramatically on a world waiting for harvest. Their prayer, Lord, may we follow and serve you. Amen.



PRAYERFUL MEDITATIONS ...

It is through reflection, prayer, and meditation that we become more dedicated followers of Jesus Christ. Remember, also to imitate daily our Blessed Lady, who was the first to take the Word of God. Try to be like Mary who treasured all these things and reflected on them each day in her heart!

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY - Henri Nouwen BEING IN THE CHURCH, NOT OF IT

Often we hear the remark that we have to live in the world without being of the world. But it may be more difficult to be in the Church without being of the Church. Be-

ing of the Church means being so preoccupied by and involved in the many ecclesial affairs and clerical "ins and outs" that we are no longer focused on Jesus. The Church then blinds us to what we came to see and deafens us to what we came to hear. Still, it is in the Church that Christ dwells, invites us to his table, and speaks to us words of eternal love. Being in the Church without being of it is a great spiritual challenge.

ALL SOULS DAY

On Sunday, October 30th, the feast of All Souls Day, will be commemorated with a Mass and Procession, at Holy Cross Cemetery, Commack, L.I., at 12 noon. All are invited and welcomed to attend. Please contact Fr. Andrew for details!

ST. FRANCIS CHRISTMAS DINNER

Our Christmas dinner is fast approaching! December 4 at 3 p.m. We need your help! Please ask how YOU can help us make this dinner a success! Thank you!

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

