



# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Sunday, October 25, 2015

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.

8:00 AM - "Hymn of Faith"

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READING I - Jer 31:7-9

Thus says the LORD: Shout with joy for Jacob, exult at the head of the nations; proclaim your praise and say: The LORD has delivered his people, the remnant of Israel. Behold, I will bring them back from the land of the north; I will gather them from the ends of the world, with the blind and the lame in their midst, the mothers and those with child; they shall return as an immense throng. They departed in tears, but I will console them and guide them; I will lead them to brooks of water, on a level road, so that none shall stumble. For I am a father to Israel, Ephraim is my first-born.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

*R. The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.*

When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion, we were like men dreaming. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with rejoicing.

*R. The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.*

Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad indeed.

*R. The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.*

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the torrents in the southern desert. Those that sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.

*R. The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.*

Although they go forth weeping, carrying the seed to be sown, They shall come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves.

*R. The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.*

READING 2 - Hebrews 5:1-6

Brothers and sisters: Every high priest is taken from among men and made their representative before God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring, for he himself is beset by weakness and so, for this reason, must make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honor upon himself but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. In the same way, it was not Christ who glorified himself in becoming high priest, but rather the one who said to him: You are my son: this day I have begotten you; just as he says in another place: You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek. Alleluia

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

**R:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest/Lector: Our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life to light through the Gospel.

**R:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL - Mark 10:46-52

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. 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. SIMON & 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 in their lives 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.

'Lord, may we follow and serve you.'

## BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY...Henri Nouwen MEETING CHRIST IN THE CHURCH

Loving the Church does not require romantic emotions. It requires the will to see the living Christ among his people and to love them as we want to love Christ himself. This is true not only for the "little" people - the poor, the oppressed, the forgotten - but also for the "big" people who exercise authority in the Church.

To love the Church means to be willing to meet Jesus wherever we go in the Church. This love doesn't mean agreeing with or approving of everyone's ideas or behavior. On the contrary, it can call us to confront those who hide Christ from us. But whether we confront or affirm, criticize or praise, we can only become fruitful when our words and actions come from hearts that love the Church.

## A PRAYER FROM ST. FRANCIS...

Lord, when I meet those who need my help, let them view Your face when they see mine, Your smile reflected in mine when they feel alone or afraid, Your hands when I am able to give them food and drink, and Your love in all that I do in Your name. Amen

## ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS...Helen Steiner Rice THE MASTER BUILDER

God is the master builder, His plans are perfect and true, and when He sends you sorrow, it's part of His plan for you.

"For you, O God, tested us; you refined us like silver."  
—Psalm 66:10

Today sculpt and work on your life - for you are creating a masterpiece - a work of art in partnership with God!

## BLESSINGS...

'It is one of the blessings of old friends that you can afford to be stupid with them.' —Ralph Waldo Emerson

'Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving.'

—W.T. Purkiser

'Blessed are those who have learned to laugh at themselves, for they shall never cease to be entertained.' — Anonymous

'In spite of the rising cost of living, it's still popular.'

—Kathy Norris

## SPECIAL THANK YOU...

to Des Kehoe, who filled in last week as our Lector in the absence of all others. And, to Monika Koterba, as music mistro. Great job and big thank you.

## ST. FRANCIS NOTES...

**HALLOWEEN, Saturday, October 31**...November 1st was set aside to honor all saints. It was called All Hallows' or All Saints' Day, and the evening before it was All Hallows E'en, which means "holy evening." Later this was shortened to Halloween. Halloween is now generally celebrated with fun-making and masquerading.

**SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER**...don't forget to print all the names of your faithfully departed family and friends on the sheets provided in the back of the church to be prayed for and remembered every Sunday in November.

## UP-COMING

### 'ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION'

Sunday, December 6th

9 a.m.

Mass honoring St. Nicholas.

3 p.m.

'St. Nicholas Fundraiser Dinner'

...our Christmas dinner.

Please ask how you can help make this event another success for our Parish?

Thank you!

