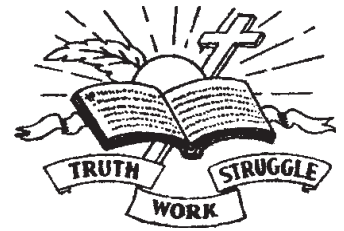


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Lord, make me an instrument of your peace! — St. Francis

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October 3, 2010 - 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.

ENTRANCE HYMN -

“Hymn of Faith”

MASS BOOK - page 63

READING I - Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

How long, O LORD? I cry for help but you do not listen! I cry out to you, “Violence!” but you do not intervene. Why do you let me see ruin; why must I look at misery? Destruction and violence are before me;

there is strife, and clamorous discord. Then the LORD answered me and said: Write down the vision clearly upon the tablets, so that one can read it readily. For the vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint; if it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late. The rash one has no integrity; but the just one, because of his faith, shall live.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice: “Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works.”

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.



READING II - 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Beloved: I remind you, to stir into flame the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord, nor of me, a prisoner for his sake; but bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God. Take as your norm the sound words that you heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us.

Priest or Cantor: Alleluia (3x)

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

GOSPEL - Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith.”

The Lord replied, “If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

“Who among you would say to your servant who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here immediately and take your place at table?’ Would he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare something for me to eat. Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink. You may eat and drink when I am finished?’ Is he grateful to that servant because he did what was commanded? So should it be with you. When you have done all you have been commanded, say, ‘We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.’”

This the gospel of the Lord.

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

GENERAL CONCESSIONS: God, Hear Us!

OFFERTORY HYMN - “Come Holy Ghost”

OUR FATHER - page 95

COMMUNION - “Be Not Afraid”

RECESSIONAL HYMN - “St. Francis Prayer”

St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

IN CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

The patron saint of Italy, ecologists, animals, tapestry makers and merchants ad dear patron of our small and humble Parish!

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI - October 4 - 1181-1226

Francis of Assisi is certainly one of the most universally known and loved of all the saints. Christians and non-Christians alike are inspired and edified by his life. It is not hard to understand why this is so. Francis bears witness to the belief that the straightest path to God is the path of our deepest humanity.



St. Francis was passionately devoted to God, and his every action was motivated by his love for God. He adopted a radically simple life-style because he placed his trust in God, and not in his possessions. He was compassionate to those who were poor or sick because he believed every man and woman was his brother or sister. His love of nature and for all of God's creatures was easy for him because he

understood everything was created by God, and thus everything is good. Francis was a humble man because he believed every action of his was performed not to bring glory to himself, but to God.

In short, it is his humanity that makes Francis of Assisi a holy person -a saint. He never ran away from and never denied his humanity. Rather, he embraced it, loved it, lived it fully - and in doing so, found the road to sanctity and union with God. We should remember that Francis is a saint precisely because he is so human!

As we reflect on his life and as we pray for his intercession, we should remember that Francis is a saint precisely because he is so human!

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY...

Helen Steiner Rice, STEPPING STONES

Welcome every stumbling block and every torn and jagged rock, for each one is a stepping stone to God who wants you for His own.

He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. -Psalm 40:2

Today view your problems with a spiritual perspective. See each difficulty as a lesson in problem-solving and endurance.

A PRAYER FOR THE GUARDIANS OF ANIMALS

Dear God, You have given us care over all living things, protect and bless those animals who provide us with so much friendship and happiness. Make us their true caretakers and worthy companions. Keep them safe and healthy. Amen.

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Christening of Robert Koterba

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2010

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2010

Choir Concert Fundraiser