

# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*October 30, 2011 - Thirty-First 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 - Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10

A great King am I, says the LORD of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations. And now, O priests, this commandment is for you: If you do not listen, if you do not lay it to heart, to give glory to my name, says the LORD of hosts, I will send a curse upon you and of your blessing I will make a curse. You have turned aside from the way, and have caused many to falter by your instruction; you have made void the covenant of Levi, says the LORD of hosts. I, therefore, have made you contemptible and base before all the people, since you do not keep my ways, but show partiality in your decisions. Have we not all the one father? Has not the one God created us? Why then do we break faith with one another, violating the covenant of our fathers?

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 131:1, 2, 3

**R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.**

O LORD, my heart is not proud, nor are my eyes haughty; I busy not myself with great things, nor with things too sublime for me.

**R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.**

Nay rather, I have stilled and quieted my soul like a weaned child. Like a weaned child on its mother's lap, so is my soul within me.

**R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.**

O Israel, hope in the LORD, both now and forever.

**R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.**

READING II - 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13

Brothers and sisters: We were gentle among you, as a nursing mother cares for her children. With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the

gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us. You recall, brothers and sisters, our toil and drudgery. Working night and day in order not to burden any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.

And for this reason we too give thanks to God unceasingly, that, in receiving the word of God from hearing us, you received not a human word but, as it truly is, the word of God, which is now at work in you who believe.

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

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL - Matthew 23:1-12

Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice. They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them. All their works are performed to be seen. They widen their phylacteries and lengthen their tassels. They love places of honor at banquets, seats of honor in synagogues, greetings in marketplaces, and the salutation 'Rabbi.' As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN -

*"Fairest Lord Jesus"*

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COMMUNION HYMN -

*"Christ Be Our Light"*

RECESSIONAL HYMN -

*"Prayer of St. Francis"*



# St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

## ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

(1579-1639)

His feast day is November 3<sup>rd</sup>. St. Martin was born at Lima, Peru, on November 9, 1579. He was the illegitimate son of a prominent Spanish colonist, John de Porres, and a poor black woman, Anna Velasquez. For some years his father refused to recognize him as his son, and so Martin shared his mother's poverty. After eight years, the father accepted Martin and provided for his education. With skills as pharmacist, doctor and surgeon, the youth began to work for the poor of his city. He asked to be admitted as a Dominican lay-helper at Rosary Convent in Lima. Eventually his community, impressed with his life of prayer and service, asked him to become a full member in 1594. He helped establish an orphanage and founding hospital and spent much of his time caring for the black slaves brought to Peru from Africa. Martin remained for the rest of his life—devoted servant of the poor, caring for their sick, treating them with dignity, reminding them of God's love for people of every race and color. Those who knew him called him a "loving father, a father of the poor." A close friend of St. Rose of Lima, Martin died at Rosary Convent in Lima on November 3, 1639. We pray, O God, you raise up those who are bowed down, Help the poor and distressed. Amen.



## REMEMBRANCE

The Church sets aside the month of November to remind us to pray for our faithful departed. Next week bring a list of those faithfully departed for whom you would like Mass said during the month of November.

## A PRAYER FOR THE DEAD

Immortal God, holy Lord, Father and Protector of all you have created, we raise our hearts to you today for those who have passed out of this mortal life. In your loving mercy, Father of men, be pleased to receive them in your heavenly company, and forgive the failings and faults they may have done from human frailty. Your only Son, Christ, our Savior, suffered so cruelly that He might deliver them from the second death. By His merits may they share in the glory of His victory over sin and death.

For all the faithful who have died we pray, but in particular for those dear to us, parents, relatives, and friends. Nor do we forget all who did good to us while on earth, who helped us by their prayers, sacrifice, and example. We pray also for any who may have done us harm, and stand in special need of your forgiveness. May the merits and prayers of our Virgin Mother, Mary, and those of all your angels and saints, speak for us and assist them now. This we ask in Christ's name. Amen.

## REACH-OUT AND TOUCH SOMEONE

We must reach-out, and find opportunities to become missionaries and evangelize about our church. It is not only the need for our church's survival but more importantly bringing people to Christ, that they may receive His most needed grace, redemption, and ultimate salvation. Why is the Church and the Sacrifice of Mass, important to you? Reach -out, give thought, participate, and promote your Parish. Please, keep St. Francis Church in your prayers. Peace and God's Blessings!

## HIS WORDS - ETERNAL LIFE

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" —John 11:25-26

## ELECTION DAY

Next Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, Please vote!

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

