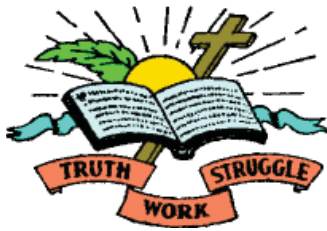


ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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October 31, 2010 - 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.

ENTRANCE HYMN - "Hymn of Faith"

MASS BOOK - page 63

READING I - Wis 11:22-12:2

Before the LORD the whole universe is as a grain from a balance or a drop of morning dew come down upon the earth. But you have mercy on all, because you can do all things; and you overlook people's sins that they may repent.

For you love all things that are and loathe nothing that you have made; for what you hated, you would not have fashioned. And how could a thing remain, unless you willed it; or be preserved, had it not been called forth by you?

But you spare all things, because they are yours, O LORD and lover of souls, for your imperishable spirit is in all things! Therefore you rebuke offenders little by little, warn them and remind them of the sins they are committing, that they may abandon their wickedness and believe in you, O LORD!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will extol you, O my God and King,
and I will bless your name forever and ever.

Every day will I bless you,

and I will praise your name forever and ever.

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

The LORD is good to all
and compassionate toward all his works.

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD,
and let your faithful ones bless you.

Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your might.

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The LORD is faithful in all his words
and holy in all his works.

The LORD lifts up all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

READING II - 2 Thes 1:11-2:2

Brothers and sisters: We always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith, that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, in accord with the grace of our God and Lord Jesus Christ.

We ask you, brothers and sisters, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our assembling with him, not to be shaken out of your minds suddenly, or to be alarmed either by a "spirit," or by an oral statement, or by a letter allegedly from us to the effect that the day of the Lord is at hand.

Priest or Cantor: Alleluia (3x)

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

GOSPEL - Luke 19:1-10

At that time, Jesus came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly,

for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost." This the gospel of the Lord.

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

GENERAL CONCESSIONS: God, Hear Us!

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Come Thou Almighty King"

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COMMUNION - "Here I Am Lord"

RECESSIONAL HYMN -

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

† ALL SAINTS † - November 1

This feast which has its beginnings in the Christian churches of the fifth and sixth centuries celebrates all those saints, canonized or not, who enjoy the happiness of the kingdom of heaven. Our relatives and friends, multitudes unknown "which no one can number from all tribes and peoples and tongues," stand before God's throne in joyful praise. They are remembered this day. God's amazing grace has brought them home.

And we are united to them. The ancient creeds proclaimed a communion of saints, a bond between the Church on earth and those in heaven, a sharing of love and grace. Because of that union the saints inspire those below to follow in their steps; their prayers rise up for us. They remind us of the joy that awaits us and our call to join them as children in our Father's house.

+ For all the saints who from their labors rest, Who thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest! Alleluia, alleluia! +

† ALL SOULS † - November 2

The early Christians, like their pagan ancestors, remembered their dead on certain days of the year. The present date for our yearly commemoration of the dead was established in the tenth century. We remember the dead prayerfully so that God will "strengthen our hope that all our departed brothers and sisters will share in Christ's resurrection."

In Prayer:

† Lord God, Maker of all, Master of life and death, Guard and gift our souls, receive those who go before us on the pilgrimage of death; in due time receive us too when our days are done.

May we come, not troubled by fear, not clinging to this world, not turning from your welcome, but drawn to our life in heaven, blessed and everlasting in Jesus Christ, our Lord. † —St. Gregory Nazianzen

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS ... Helen Steiner Rice THE MASTER PLAN

All things work together to complete the master plan, and god up in heaven can see what's best for man.

'But you, O God, are my king from of old; you bring salvation upon the earth.' —Psalm 74:12

Today cooperate with God, dedicate and consecrate your efforts to Him, and you'll be pleasantly surprised by the Master of the Universe!

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY ... Henri Nouwen FOCUSING ON THE POOR

Like everyone human organization the Church is constantly in danger of corruption. As soon as power and wealth come to the Church, manipulation, exploitation, misuse of influence, and outright corruption are not far away.

How do we prevent corruption in the Church? The answer is clear; by focusing on the poor. The poor make the Church faithful to its vocation. When the Church is no longer a church for the poor, it loses its spiritual identity. It gets caught up in disagreements, jealousy, power games, and pettiness. Paul says, "God has composed the body so that greater dignity is given to the parts which were without it, and so that there may not be disagreements inside the body but each part may be equally concerned for all the other." (1 Corinthians 12:24-25) This is the true vision. The poor are given to the Church so that the Church as the body of Christ can be and remain a place of mutual concern, love and peace.



ST. FRANCIS NOTES...

HALLOWEEN: October 31st.

November 1st was set aside to honor all saints. It was called ALLHALLOW E'en, which means "holy evening." Later this was shortened to Halloween.

Halloween is now generally celebrated with fun-making and masquerading. Be Safe!

PRAYERFUL REMEMBRANCES:

The church sets aside the month of November to remind you to pray for your faithfully departed. Fr. Andrew will accept the names of your faithfully departed friends and family, who you would like to be remembered during Mass in November. Please print them legibly on paper or e-mail them to Father Andrew at frandrew@stfrancispncc.org.



SAVE THE DATES for ST. FRANCIS UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2010
Christmas Dinner Fundraiser

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2010
Choir Concert Fundraiser