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Sunday, November 1, 2015

Solemnity of All Saints



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 - Rv 7:2-4, 9-14

I, John, saw another angel come up from the East, holding the seal of the living God. He cried out in a loud voice to the four angels who were given power to damage the land and the sea, "Do not damage the land or the sea or the trees until we put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." I heard the number of those who had been marked with the seal, one hundred and forty-four thousand marked from every tribe of the children of Israel.

After this I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice:

"Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne, and from the Lamb."

All the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They prostrated themselves before the throne, worshiped God, and exclaimed:

"Amen. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, power, and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

Then one of the elders spoke up and said to me, "Who are these wearing white robes, and where did they come from?" I said to him, "My lord, you are the one who knows." He said to me, "These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

The LORD's are the earth and its fullness;
the world and those who dwell in it.

For he founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD?

or who may stand in his holy place?

One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean,
who desires not what is vain.

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

He shall receive a blessing from the LORD,
a reward from God his savior. Such is the race that seeks
him, that seeks the face of the God of Jacob.

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

READING 2 - 1 Jn 3:1-3

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us
that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are.
The reason the world does not know us is that it did not
know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we
shall be has not yet been revealed.

We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope
based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest/Lector: Come to me, all you who labor and are bur-
dened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL - Matthew 5:1-12a

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain,
and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.
He began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in
spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are
they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are
the meek, for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for
they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for
they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who
are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is
the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult
you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against
you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your
reward will be great in heaven." This is the gospel of the
Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Brad of Life"

COMMUNION HYMN- "On Eagles Wings"

RECESSIONAL - "Be Not Afraid"

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.

"Now that they are welcomed in their own country and at home with the Lord, through him, with him and in him, they intercede unceasingly with the Father in our behalf. Their care is the greatest help to our weakness." (Pope Paul VI)
The feast of All Saints turns our eyes to that "great cloud of witnesses" who are with God, yet still with us. We share in their love and are inspired by their example. They attract us to journey to the Kingdom of God. 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."

Lord God, Maker of all, Master of life and death, Guard and gift of 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 †

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY...Henri Nouwen
WHO ARE THE POOR?

The poor are the center of the Church. But who are the poor? At first we might think of people who are not like us: people who live in slums, people who go to soup kitchens, people who sleep on the streets, people in prisons, mental hospitals, and nursing homes. But the poor can be very close. They can be in our own families, churches, or workplaces. Even closer, the poor can be ourselves, who feel unloved, rejected, ignored, or abused.

It is precisely when we see and experience poverty -whether



TODAY'S MASS INTENTIONS:

Requiem Intentions for:
all relatives and friends
of St. Francis Parishioners

far away, close by, or in our own hearts - that we need to become the Church; that is, hold hands as brothers and sisters, confess our own brokenness and need, forgive one another, heal one another's wounds, and gather around the table of Jesus for the breaking of the bread. Thus, as the poor we recognize Jesus, who became poor for us.

HIS WORDS...ETERNAL LIFE

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." - John 3:16

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS...Helen Steiner Rice HIS GREATNESS

Whatever we ask for falls short of God's giving, for His greatness exceeds every facet of living.

"Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom." -Psalm 145:3

Today be liberal in your praise of and your gratitude to God. The degree of His generosity is beyond compare and the scope of His giving is unfathomable!

ST. FRANCIS NOTES ...

ELECTION DAY! Tuesday, November 3rd is Election Day. Don't forget to vote!

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFULLY DEPARTED. The Church sets aside the month of November to remind you to pray for your faithfully departed. Please submit any names of loved ones for a † Requiem Remembrance† to Fr. Andrew. They will be remembered in Masses during the month of November.

POPE FRANCIS QUOTES ...

"Things have a price and can be for sale, but people have a dignity that is priceless and worth far more than things."

"Have the courage to be truly happy!"

(shared by Lorraine Kompa)

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!

