



# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*Sunday, November 15, 2015*  
*Thirty Third 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 - Dn 12:1-3

In those days, I Daniel, heard this word of the Lord:  
"At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince, guardian of your people; it shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began until that time. At that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book.

"Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace.

"But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11

**R. You are my inheritance, O Lord!**

O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup, you it is who hold fast my lot. I set the LORD ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

**R. You are my inheritance, O Lord!**

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices, my body, too, abides in confidence; because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.

**R. You are my inheritance, O Lord!**

You will show me the path to life, fullness of joys in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever.

**R. You are my inheritance, O Lord!**

READING 2 - Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Brothers and sisters: Every priest stands daily at his ministry, offering frequently those same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But this one offered one sacrifice for sins, and took his seat forever at the right hand of God; now he waits until his enemies are made his footstool. For by one offering he has made perfect

forever those who are being consecrated. Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer offering for sin.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

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

Priest/Lector: Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to stand before the Son of Man.

**R:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL - Mark 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky.

"Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates. Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

GENERAL CONCESSIONS: *"God Hear Us!"*

OFFERTORY HYMN - *"Shelter Me, O God"*

COMMUNION HYMN- *"Be Not Afraid"*

RECESSIONAL - *"Sanctuary" by Vince Ambrosetti*  
*(sung at Mother Theresa's funeral in Calcutta, India)*



## **TODAY'S MASS INTENTIONS:**

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

# St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

## ST. GERTRUDE (1256-1301) November 16

St. Gertrude was born at Eisleben, Germany, in 1256. Nothing is known of her parents, and at the age of five she was put under the auspices of the Benedictine nuns at Helfta. Intelligent and studious, she quickly mastered languages, literature, and philosophy in her early years. She would also enter the Benedictine Order at Helfta and become a nun.

At the age of twenty-six, she experienced the first of a series of revelations of Christ. In the chapel, "where I was accustomed to make my lukewarm prayers, I heard these words: 'I will save you and deliver you. Do not be afraid.'" From then on, she had numerous revelations and experiences of God's grace, which she wrote about in the Book of Extraordinary Grace, an account of her spiritual journey. As she approached death, she wrote, "I am certain whether my death be sudden or foreseen, that I shall never be without the mercy of God." Gertrude died at Helfta on November 17, 1301.

May my soul bless you, O Lord God my Creator, may my soul bless you. From my very being may all your merciful gifts sing your praise. Your care has been rich in mercy. Yes, it is without measure, and as far as I am able I give you thanks. + St. Gertrude +

## BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY ... Henri Nouwen UNITY IN THE HEART OF GOD

Love unites all, whether created or uncreated. The heart of God, the heart of all creation, and our own hearts become one in love. That's what all the great mystics have been trying to tell us through the ages. Benedict, Francis, Hildegard of Bingen, Hadewijch of Brabant, Meister Eckhart, Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross, Dag Hammarskjold, Thomas Merton, and many others, all in their own ways and their own languages, have witnessed to the unifying power of the divine love. All of them, however, spoke with a knowledge that came to them not through intellectual arguments but through contemplative prayer. The Spirit of Jesus allowed them to see the heart of God, the heart of the universe, and their own hearts as one. It is in the heart of God that we can come to the full realization of the unity of all that is, created and uncreated.

## HIS WORDS...DEATH

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."

—Psalm 23:4



St. Gertrude

## ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS...Helen Steiner Rice GOD'S CREATIVE HAND

In the beauty of a snowflake falling softly on the land is the mystery and miracle of God's great, creative hand!

"Praise the Lord from the earth...lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding."

—Psalm 148:7-8

Today observe the loveliness of a wintry scene. Each snowflake, like each human being, is special and has its own individual characteristics!

INTER-FAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be held next Sunday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 8 p.m., at St. Raphael's R.C. Church, 600 Newbridge Road, East Meadow. This annual East Meadow Service invites the entire community to attend. Rabbi Judy Cohen-Rosenberg will deliver the homily. Please contact Fr. Andrew for further info or call 785-0236.

## 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!

