

ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

November 21, 2010 • The Solemnity of Christ the King

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"*

READING I - 2 Sm 5:1-3

In those days, all the tribes of Israel came to David in Hebron and said: "Here we are, your bone and your flesh. In days past, when Saul was our king, it was you who led the Israelites out and brought them back. And the LORD said to you, 'You shall shepherd my people Israel and shall be commander of Israel.'" When all the elders of Israel came to David in Hebron, King David made an agreement with them there before the LORD, and they anointed him king of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: - Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced because they said to me, "We will go up to the house of the LORD."

And now we have set foot within your gates, O Jerusalem.

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Jerusalem, built as a city with compact unity.

To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD.

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

According to the decree for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD. In it are set up judgment seats, seats for the house of David.

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READING II - Col 1:12-20

Brothers and sisters: Let us give thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light. He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he himself might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross through him, whether those on earth or those in heaven.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **R./ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Verse. **R./ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL - Luke 23:35-43

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself." Above him there was an inscription that read, "This is the King of the Jews."

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us."

The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply,

"Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him,

"Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." This is the word of the Lord.

GENERAL CONCESSIONS: **God, Hear Us!**

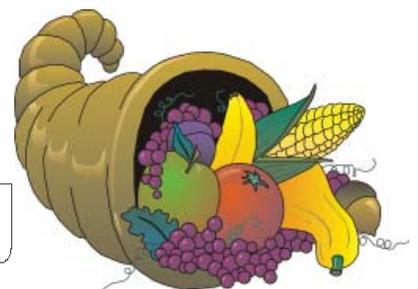
OFFERTORY HYMN - *"Be Not Afraid"*

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COMMUNION & POST HYMN - *"Christ Be Our Light"*

RECESSIONAL HYMN - *"Joyful, Joyful"*

Happy
Thanksgiving



St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

PRESENTATION OF MARY - November 21

The feast celebrates the dedication of the church of St. Mary built in Jerusalem near the site of the Temple. According to an early tradition, probably legendary, Mary was born to Sts. Ann and Joachim in Jerusalem, in a neighborhood close by the temple. At twelve, she was presented there to learn the law of God. The present Church of St. Ann, a favorite place of pilgrimage, marks the ancient site today.

The Scriptures which spoke of the "Daughter of Sion" singing and rejoicing in the presence of the Lord (Zech. 2, 14-17) probably suggested to ancient Christian piety eager to know the details of Mary's life that the virgin was born in the city of Sion, Jerusalem. The apocryphal Gospel of James reported the details of Mary's early life which were portrayed in art by many great medieval artists.

† Mary, Mother of God, you are the temple of the Lord and dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. Help us to please God. † Amen.

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY

Henri Nouwen

WAITING IN EXPECTATION

Waiting patiently for God includes joyful expectation. Without expectation our waiting can get bogged down in the present. When we wait in expectation our whole beings are open to be surprised by joy.

All through the Gospels Jesus tells us to keep awake and stay alert. And Paul says, "Brothers and sisters ... the moment is here for you to stop sleeping and wake up, because by now our salvation is nearer than when we first began to believe. The night is nearly over, daylight is on the way; so let us throw off everything that belongs to the darkness and equip ourselves for the light" (Romans 13:11-12). It is this joyful expectation of God's coming that offers vitality to our lives. The expectation of the fulfillment of God's promises to us what allows us to pay full attention to the road on which-we are walking.

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS

Helen Stein Rice - JOY WITHOUT MEASURE

God's heavens are dotted with uncounted jewels, for joy without measure is one of God's rules. His hand is so generous. His heart is so great, He comes not too soon, and He comes not too late.

'In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.'

— Psalm 102:25

Today realize that God needs no alarm clocks, wrist-watches or timers!



ST. FRANCIS NOTES...

NEW ALTAR SERVER: Our 'thank you to Alberto' – becoming our new altar server. A great service to Fr. Andrew and St. Francis Parish, for Holy Mass. God's Blessings Always!

INTER-FAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE: will be held tonight, Sunday, November 21 at 8:00 p.m. at Temple Emanuel, 123 Merrick Avenue, East Meadow. This event is open to all faiths and warmly invites the East Meadow community to attend. We hope to see you there!

OUR ST. NICHOLAS CHRISTMAS DINNER: will be held on Sunday, December 5th at 3:00 p.m. Please invite family and friends to attend! Ask how you can help make this another successful event for our St. Francis Parish. Thank you!

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THANK YOU: to Carole Fitzgerald of St. Raphael's RC Parish, who purchased the much-needed purificators and corporals. Good action and directions continue at St. Francis.

ST. FRANCIS WISH LIST: We need a little help...Our sanctuary is in need of several new items. We are hoping that these items would be donated or given with intention for the living or deceased or combined with others for more costly items. We will note these items on a St. Francis "WISH TREE" at our fundraiser dinner or contact F. Andrew if you are interested in such a donation. Thank you and God Bless!

1. Holy Water Pot
2. Cruet Set and Tray
3. Altar Linens
4. Chalice Pall (2)
5. Lavabo Towel (2)
6. Altar Servers Albs (2)
7. Wheat Altar Bread

A Thanksgiving Prayer

Oh, God, when I have food,
help me to remember the hungry;
When I have work, help me
to remember the jobless;
When I have a warm home,
help me to remember the homeless,
When I am without pain,
help me to remember those who suffer;
And remembering, help me
to destroy my complacency
and bestir my compassion.
Make me concerned enough
to help, by word and deed,
those who cry out
for what we take for granted.

—Samuel F. Pugh