



# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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*November 25, 2012 - Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King*

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 7:13-14

As the visions during the night continued, I saw one like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven; when he reached the Ancient One and was presented before him, the one like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship; all peoples, nations, and languages serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5

**R. The LORD is king; he is robed in majesty.**

The LORD is king, in splendor robed;  
robed is the LORD and girt about with strength.

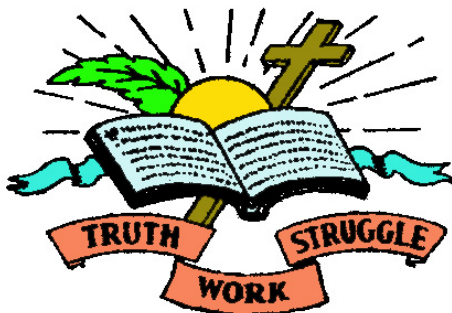
**R. The LORD is king; he is robed in majesty.**

And he has made the world firm, not to be moved.  
Your throne stands firm from of old;  
from everlasting you are, O LORD.

**R. The LORD is king; he is robed in majesty.**

Your decrees are worthy of trust indeed;  
holiness befits your house, O LORD, for length of days.

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READING 2 - Revelations 1:5-8

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen.

Behold, he is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. All the peoples of the earth will lament him. Yes. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty."

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

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

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GOSPEL - John 18:33b-37

Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?" Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

GENERAL CONCESSIONS: "*God Hear Us!*"

OFFERTORY HYMN - "*Come Thou Almighty King*"

COMMUNION HYMN- "*Lead Me, Lord*"

RECESSIONAL - "*On Eagle's Wings*"

# St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

## PRESENTATION OF MARY - November 21

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

## ST. ANDREW (first century) November 30

St. Andrew came from Bethsaida, a town in Galilee on the Lake of Genesareth. He became a disciple of St. John the Baptist, who sent him to see Jesus. After visiting the Lord, Andrew called his brother, Simon Peter, to come and meet the Messiah. Later, as Jesus was walking along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Peter and Andrew casting their nets into the sea. Jesus said, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."

Andrew accompanied Jesus throughout his public ministry, and his name appears in the story of the feeding of five thousand in the desert. After the death of Christ, he labored as a missionary in Scythia, Greece and Turkey and established the Church of Constantinople. He was crucified on an X-shaped cross at Patras, Acaia. St. Andrew is the patron saint of Russia and Scotland. His prayer: I bow before the Cross made precious by Christ my Master. I embrace it as his disciple. Amen.

## BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY - Henri Nouwen WOUNDS BECOMING SIGNS OF GLORY

The resurrection of Jesus is the basis of our faith in the resurrection of our bodies. Often we hear the suggestion that our bodies are the prisons of our souls and that the spiritual life is the way out of these prisons. But by our faith in the resurrection of the body we proclaim that the spiritual life and the life in the body cannot be separated. Our bodies, as Paul says, are temples of the Holy Spirit (see I Corinthians 6:19) and, therefore, sacred. The resurrection of the body means that what we have lived in the body will not go to waste but will be lifted up in our eternal life with God. As Christ

bears the marks of his suffering in his risen body, our bodies in the resurrection will bear the marks of our suffering. Our wounds will become signs of glory in the resurrection.

## ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS - Helen Steiner Rice LIGHT A CANDLE

An unlit candle gives no light, only when burning, is it shining bright, and if life is empty, dull and dark, it's doing things for others that gives the needed spark.

"You, O Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light." —Psalm 18:28

Today light up someone's life and you'll generate happiness for yourself!

## PRAYER, SPEAKING TO GOD

Prayer is directing our affections towards God; it is a devout and friendly talk with Him. It is the tranquility of a mind illuminated from above.

Prayer is also a plea for temporal goods that are necessary for earthly life. But those who pray ask the Lord with a true Christian spirit to subordinate their own wills to His; only the heavenly Father knows what one really needs in the temporal order.

Finally, prayer is thanksgiving, that is, an acknowledgement of benefits received, and an offering of all our undertakings to God so that our prayer may be a lasting one.



ST. FRANCIS POLISH CATHOLIC CHURCH  
presents its CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER DINNER

**Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3:00 p.m.**

*With loads of great raffles, prizes & carolling*



*\$15 Adults • \$6 Children*

*St. Francis Church Hall*

*1752 Harton Avenue, East Meadow NY*



**R.S.V.P by November 28<sup>th</sup>  
Carol Thomas (516) 546-2535**

*We are starting a fund for our new goal:  
handicapped accessibility for St. Francis.*

*We will also have a box for Hurricane  
Sandy monetary donations.*

*Seating is limited to 80.  
When you call for reservations,  
please leave your name,  
phone number and the number  
of adults and/or children  
(ages & sex so St. Nick can bring  
an appropriate gift) in your party.*

