



ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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First Sunday in Advent - November 27, 2016

Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

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.

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

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! May those who love you prosper! May peace be within your walls, prosperity in your buildings.

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

Because of my brothers and friends I will say, "Peace be within you!" Because of the house of the LORD, our God, I will pray for your good.

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

READING II - Romans 13:11-14

Brothers and sisters: You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in promiscuity and lust, not in rivalry and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

R./ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest/Lector: Show us Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation. R./ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSEL - Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - "A Voice Cries Out"

COMMUNION HYMN - "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Every Valley"

9:00 AM - "Prepare Ye"

PRAYER: (please say with Celebrant) O Father, we remember with awe and joy that the world is yours, and that life is your gift. Lift up our thoughts from the littleness of our own minds to the greatness that is yours, so that our lives might more adequately reveal the truth that Christ brought to the world. Amen.

BLESSING THE WREATH: Celebrant: O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth your blessing upon this wreath, the symbol of eternity, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from you abundant graces. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST CANDLE: Lector: O Lord, stir up your might, we beg of You, and come, that by your protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Your deliverance. Amen.

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READING I - Is 2:1-5

This is what Isaiah, son of Amoz, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come, the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills. All nations shall stream toward it; many peoples shall come and say: "Come, let us climb the LORD's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths." For from Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and impose terms on many peoples. They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

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.*

St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

THE PRESENT

Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back. The men talked for hours on end. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service, where they had been on vacation.

Every afternoon, when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window. The man in the other bed began to live for those one hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and color of the world outside.

The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Young lovers walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every color and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance. As the man by the window described all this in exquisite details, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine this picturesque scene.

One warm afternoon, the man by the window described a parade passing by. Although the other man could not hear the band - he could see it in his mind's eye as the gentleman by the window portrayed it with descriptive words.

Days, weeks and months passed. One morning, the day nurse arrived to bring water for their baths only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window, who had died peacefully in his sleep. She was saddened and called the hospital attendants to take the body away. As soon as it seemed appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch, and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone.

Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the real world outside. He strained to slowly turn to look out the window besides the bed.

It faced a blank wall. The man asked the nurse what could have compelled his deceased roommate who had described such wonderful things outside this window. The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall. She said, 'Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you.'

Epilogue: There is tremendous happiness in making others happy, despite our own situations.

Shared grief is half the sorrow, but happiness when shared, is doubled. If you want to feel rich, just count all the things you have that money can't buy. 'Today is a gift, that is why it is called The Present.'

(shared by Tommy Capuano, Brownsville TN)



ST. FRANCIS POLISH CATHOLIC CHURCH
presents its CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER DINNER

NEXT WEEK

Sunday, December 4th - 3:00 p.m.

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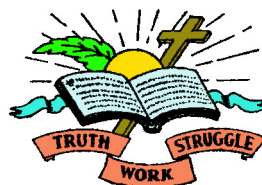
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Take a moment out and pray...

† † † † † † † PRAYER † † † † † † † † † †

Health Needs: Jesus, we ask you to bring peace and your healing touch to those who are ill, afraid or worried. Amen.

Health Needs of: Toni Panico, Thomas Kompa, Bill Piro,

Iris Cafran, Frank Kompa, John Luis Vasquez,

Sophia Kyriakakis, Robert Haemer, George T. Stumper,

Gregory Klein, Michael Arleo, Jim Richards, Nancy Foley,

Thomas Maloney, Bill Mullan, Lorri Russo,

Tyler & Nicholas Accardi, Nancy Fernandez Petrozza,

Susan Leach, Stella Silva, Joy Realmuto, John Galvin,

Michele Feudale, Linda Maloney, Lorraine Avitabile,

Fran Pedone, Blanca Vasquez, Marion Kester, Elena Guigui,

Theresa Kasmark, Grandfather Vincent Ciurleo,

Emma Zaradich, Joe Stewart, Constance Citrola,

Elizabeth Zitzmann, Anne Grusell, Linda Frysztacki, Teresa Kay,

Sidra Lewis, Billy Murphy, Ann Klein, Mary Boyle, Con Boyle,

John Blenn, Carla Calabrese, George Knott, MaryAnn McEvoy,

Gary P. Ribis, Rosalie Drenckhahn, James Kostolni,

Eileen McChesney, Patricia Travis

& for all those who care for the sick and disabled.

Requiem Intentions: Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

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