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Sunday, December 28, 2014

Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds

Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow. Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

8:00 AM - *"Come All Ye Faithful"*

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READING I - Jeremiah 31:10-14

“Hear the word of the Lord, you nations; proclaim it in distant coastlands: ‘He who scattered Israel will gather them and will watch over his flock like a shepherd.’ For the Lord will deliver Jacob and redeem them from the hand of those stronger than they. They will come and shout for joy on the heights of Zion; they will rejoice in the bounty of the Lord—the grain, the new wine and the olive oil, the young of the flocks and herds. They will be like a well-watered garden, and they will sorrow no more. Then young women will dance and be glad, young men and old as well. I will turn their mourning into gladness; I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow. I will satisfy the priests with abundance, and my people will be filled with my bounty,” declares the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Psalm 97:1,6,11-12

*R/ A light will shine on us this day:
the Lord is born for us.*

The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice; let the many isles be glad. The heavens proclaim His justice, and all peoples see his Glory.

*R/ A light will shine on us this day:
the Lord is born for us.*

Light dawns for the just; and gladness for the upright of heart. Be glad in the Lord, you just, and give thanks to His holy name.

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the Lord is born for us.*

READING 2 - Titus 3:4-7

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest/Lector: The Lord is King, in splendor robed: robed is the Lord and girt about with strength.

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL - Luke 2:15-20

When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to one another: “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this event which the Lord has made known to us.” They went in haste and found Mary and Joseph and the baby lying in the manger; once they saw, they understood what had been told them concerning this Child. All who heard of it were astonished at the report given them by the shepherds.

Mary treasured all these things and reflected on them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, in accord with what had been told them. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

GENERAL CONCESSIONS

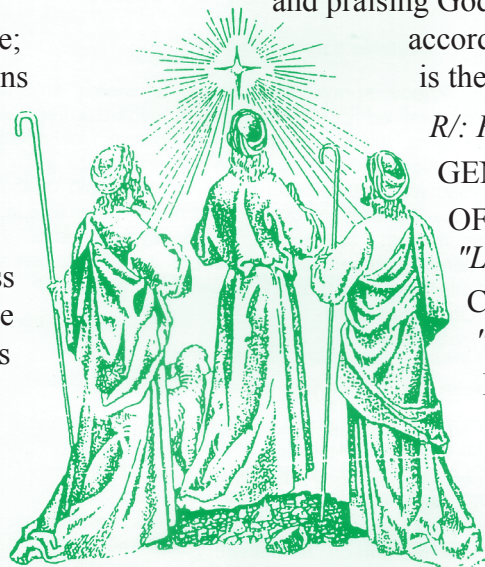
OFFERTORY HYMN -

"Let there Be Peace on Earth"

COMMUNION HYMNS -

"Angels We Have Heard On High"

RECESSIONAL - "Joy to the World"



**LISTEN TO THE WORDS OF PAUL
THE APOSTLE TO THE COLOSSIANS...**

"Put on, then garments that suit God's chosen and beloved people: compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience. Be tolerant with one another and forgiving, if any of you has cause for complaint: you must forgive as the Lord forgave you. Finally, to bind everything together and complete the whole, there must be love. Let Christ's peace be arbiter in your decisions, the peace to which you were called as members of a single body. Always be thankful. Let the gospel of Christ dwell among you in all its richness; teach and instruct one another with all the wisdom it gives you." — Colossians 3:12-16

**HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR 2015!
A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR**

The new year, like a new born child, is placed in our hands as the old year passes away. The days and weeks to come are God's gift; they carry God's blessing. As a blessing we welcome them. Our hope for the year ending is that all that was good in it remain with us and all that was harmful be left behind.



LET THERE BE 'PEACE'!

Since January 1st is a day for praying for peace, the Prayer of St. Francis suits this day; Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Good Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.



The Spirit of Christmas

is all about giving of yourself.

*It's a warm hug, a gentle pat on the back,
a tucking-in at night, a reaching out to a stranger.*

*It's a smile for a neighbor,
forgiveness for a past grievance,
it's the spreading of peace,
and the leaving of joy in your wake.*

*The Spirit of Christmas is alive wherever you go, as long
as you bring it with you.*

*For "the Spirit of Christmas" is love.
It's born in the soul — it lives in the heart
and it grows when you give it away.*

*To you and your family, from the St. Francis Parish,
a happy and healthy holiday!*

**ST. FRANCIS 2014 NOTES
OF APPRECIATION...**

A hearty, sincere THANK YOU: to Fr. Andrew, Monika, Adam & Robert for our Church holiday decorations, running the fund-raiser yard sale and all else they do; to our lectors (Joni, Thomas, Cheryl & Henry), altar server (Henry) & Council officers for serving the Parish; to Tony & Louise, always the first here to open the church and hall and set up for Sunday breakfast (no matter whose month it is!) and all else they do; to Ann, our birthday cake, cookies, delicious breads and specialty food aficionado; to Cheryl, for our weekly serving of fruit, paper goods and so much more; to Joni for printing and composing the bulletin, thank you letters; fund-raiser postcards, labels, etc.; to Thomas and Lorraine, who are two of the most thoughtful, unselfish parishioners that we are lucky enough to have and call friends; and specifically to Thomas, for your moving words of wisdom, always from the heart during our Mass Intercessions or simply "off the cuff"—you have a God-given way with words; to Debbie, who donated so many items for our successful yard sale; to the Barick & McGovern families for many donated items for our raffles; and, finally, to St. Francis' personal secret Santa, Mr. Meyers; **AND TO ALL who have selflessly given to St. Francis PNCC or someone in need over this entire 2014 calendar year!**

*God Bless us & those we hold dear!
Happy, Healthy, Prosperous
2015 New Year to all!*