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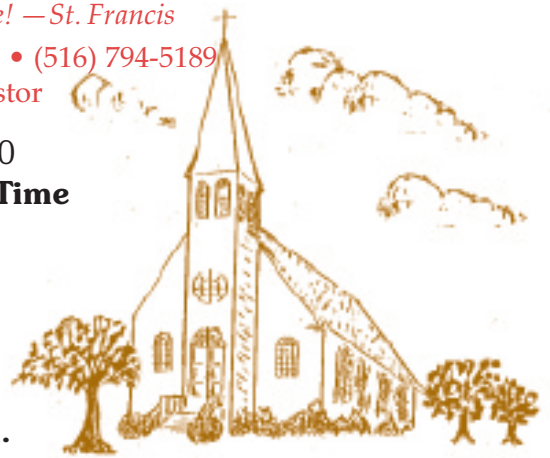
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace! — St. Francis

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Sunday, February 14, 2010

Sixth 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.**

9:00 AM - **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

Entrance Hymn - "Hymn of Faith"

CONTEMPORARY RITE - Mass Book page 63

READING I - Jeremiah 17:5-8

Thus says the LORD: Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season, but stands in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth. Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 1, 1-2, 3-4, 6)

R/ Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Happy the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked, Nor walks in the way of sinners, Nor sits in the company of the insolent, But delights in the law of the Lord and meditates on his law day and night.

R/ Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

He is like a tree planted near running water,
That yields its fruit in due season,
and whose leaves never fade.

[Whatever he does, prospers.]

R/ Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Not so the wicked, not so;
they are like chaff which the wind drives away.
For the Lord watches over the way of the just,
but the way of the wicked vanishes.

R/ Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

READING II - 1 Cor. 15:12, 16-20

Brothers and sisters: If Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ

been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins. Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all. But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Priest/Lector: ALLELUIA. **R/: ALLELUIA.** Verse
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GOSPEL - Luke 6:17, 20-26

Jesus came down with the twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way."

This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Come Unto Jesus"

OUR FATHER - Mass book page 95

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE - "Hallowed Be Forever" & "In Thy Protection"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Joyful, Joyful"

St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

ST. CYRIL (825-869) AND ST. METHIDIUS (826-885), February 14

Sts. Cyril and Methodius were brothers born in Thessalonica, Greece. Cyril, who was baptized Constantine, assumed the name Cyril when he became a monk shortly before his death. He studied at the Imperial University in Constantinople under Photius. He was ordained soon after and became known as "the Philosopher." His brother, Methodius, served as governor of one of the Slav colonies in the Opsikion province. Afterwards he became a monk. In 861, at the request of Emperor Michael II, Cyril and Methodius went on a mission to convert the Khazars in Russia. The two embarked on missionary work that profoundly influenced the Slavic peoples of Eastern Europe.

In 862, Prince Rotislav of Moravia asked the Eastern Emperor for Christian missionaries to teach the Gospel to his people in their own language. Photius, now patriarch of Constantinople, assigned the task to Cyril and Methodius in 863. They prepared liturgical books and later translated the Scriptures into the Slavic language. They also provided an alphabet, known as the glagolitic alphabet, for their writing. Through their preaching and writing they brought Christianity to the countries of Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and Russia.

Emperor Louis the German and missionaries from the Western Church questioned their methods. They sought, and eventually gained the approval of Pope Adrian II for their work. Pope Adrian II ordained them as bishops in 869. Cyril died in Rome on February 14, 869. His brother, Methodius, continued to labor as a missionary until his death on April 6, 885 in Velehrad, Czechoslovakia.



BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY ... Henri Nouwen SEEING THE BEAUTY AND GOODNESS IN FRONT OF US

We don't have to go far to find the treasure we are seeking. There is beauty and goodness right where we are. And only when we can see the beauty and goodness that are close by can we recognize beauty and goodness on our travels far and wide. There are trees and flowers to enjoy, paintings and sculptures to admire; most of all there are people who smile, play, and show kindness and gentleness. They are all around us, to be recognized as free gifts to receive in gratitude.

Our temptation is to collect all the beauty and goodness surrounding us as helpful information we can use for our projects. But then we cannot enjoy it, and we soon find that we need a vacation to restore ourselves. Let's try to see the beauty and goodness in front of us before we go elsewhere to look for it.

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS ... Helen Steiner Rice 'LOVE ONE ANOTHER'

"Love one another as I have loved you" may seem impossible to do—but if you will try to trust and believe, great are the joys that you will receive.

'The wise in heart accept commands, but a chattering fool comes to ruin.' —Proverbs 10:8

Today identify the unloved and the unwanted in your community and then reach out to them with a sign of love and concern!

ST. FRANCIS NOTES ...

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 17 - Mass and Blessing and Distribution of ashes will be held at 7 p.m.

THE SEASON OF LENT begins on Ash Wednesday, forty-six days before Easter Sunday. The Lenten season is a time of fasting, prayer, and repentance. Give thought, reflection and take good action this season!

PRESIDENT'S DAY, Monday, February 15, a legal holiday, celebrating the combined birthdays of two great Presidents' ... Abraham Lincoln, (Feb. 12) and George Washington, (Feb. 22). God Bless America!

Tuesday, February 16 is the 57th anniversary of the death of +Prime Bishop Francis Hodur, founder of the Polish National Catholic Church.

St. VALENTINE'S DAY, Sunday, February 14, Remember the Power of Love! Happy St. Valentine's Day to All!

ASH WEDNESDAY ...

This opens the liturgical Season of Lent. In Old Law ashes were generally a symbolic expression of grief, mourning, or repentance. In the Early Church the use of ashes had a like significance and with sackcloth formed part of the public penance. The blessing of ashes is one of the great liturgical rites of the year. It was originally instituted for public penitents, but is now intended for all Christians, as Lent should be a time of penance for all. The ashes used this day are obtained by burning the palms of the previous year. Four ancient prayers are used in blessing them; having sprinkled them with holy water and incensed them, the priest puts them on the foreheads of the faithful with the words ... "Remember, man, that thou art dust, and unto dust thou shalt return."

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. FRANCIS

ASH WEDNESDAY, (LENT BEGINS),
February 17, Mass 7 p.m.

ST. PATRICK'S/ ST. JOSEPH'S DINNER,
Sunday, March 21, 3 p.m. Corned beef dinner with Italian
desserts! Come join us for a great time!

HOLY THURSDAY, Mass, 7 p.m., April 1
GOOD FRIDAY, April 2, Passion Service, 7 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY, April 3, 1 p.m.,
Blessing of Easter food baskets.

EASTER SUNDAY (RESURRECTION MASS),
Sunday, April 4, 8:30 a.m.
