

# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*Sunday, February 24, 2013 • Second Sunday of Lent*



Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow. Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

9:00 AM - "Hymn of Faith"

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## READING I - Gn 15:5-12, 17-18

The Lord God took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he

added, "shall your descendants be." Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness.

He then said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." "O Lord GOD," he asked, "how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He answered him, "Bring me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old she-goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." Abram brought him all these, split them in two, and placed each half opposite the other; but the birds he did not cut up. Birds of prey swooped down on the carcasses, but Abram stayed with them. As the sun was about to set, a trance fell upon Abram, and a deep, terrifying darkness enveloped him.

When the sun had set and it was dark, there appeared a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch, which passed between those pieces. It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates."

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid?

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

Hear, O LORD, the sound of my call; have pity on me, and answer me.

Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks.

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

Your presence, O LORD, I seek. Hide not your face from me; do not in anger repel your servant.

You are my helper: cast me not off.

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

## READING 2 - Phil 3:17-4:1

Join with others in being imitators of me, brothers and sisters, and observe those who thus conduct themselves according to the model you have in us. For many, as I have often told you and now tell you even in tears, conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction. Their God is their stomach; their glory is in their "shame." Their minds are occupied with earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord.

## GOSPEL - Luke 49:28b-36

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying. While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **R: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Lord Forgive"

COMMUNION HYMN - "Down By the River to Pray"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Be Not Afraid"

# St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

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## ST. DAVID, c. 520 - 589

"Prayer in non-prayerful moments."

His Feast Day is March 1<sup>st</sup>. David was born to Non, an Irish nun who was raped by a local Celtic ruler named Sant. As a youth David travelled to the Isle of Wight to study with St. Paulinus. He was ordained and returned to Wales, founding many monastic communities. His monastic rules were severe, with hard manual labor, they could speak only when necessary. He was nicknamed the "waterman" because he forbade alcohol. Their diet consisted of bread, vegetables, salt, water, and a little milk. His advice to his followers was to never stop praying, even when engaged in nonprayerful activities. David's belief was that one could always be praying mentally, simply by renewing the intention to do so. The patron saint of Wales had lived the life in which the smallest of activities were occasions for prayer, angelic companionship, and divine consolation. As he died, he looked upward, his eyes brightened, and he said, "Take me with you." His prayer, David, show me the ways to make even small tasks and humdrum activities occasions for prayer. Kindle in me the love of God so that even when I am doing non-spiritual work I will be able to keep the spirit of prayer and have a strong awareness of the divine presence. Amen.

### **2013 Upcoming Events**

**Sundays After Mass During Lent**

**February 17 - March 24**

Stations of the Cross

**Sunday, March 10 - 3:00 pm**

St. Patrick/Joseph Fundraiser Dinner

**Sunday, March 24 - 9:00 am**

Palm Sunday Mass & Procession

**Friday, March 29 - 7:00 pm**

Good Friday Liturgy

**Saturday, March 30 - 1:00 pm**

Blessing of Easter Baskets

**Sunday, March 31 - 9:00 am**

Easter Sunday Mass

## LENT - SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Lent is a time when we take time and effort to develop our personal spiritual journey. St. Francis' Prayer can provide a simple format for positive spiritual growth. The prayer is formed around six petitions: Lord, let me be an Instrument of 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; and where there is sadness, joy. Focus on just one petition each week of Lent, we have only to gain for ourselves and those around Us. For example, bringing love to situations filled with hate and envy, perhaps at work or in family life. Witnessing to faith as a value in a person's life, perhaps by attending Mass or inviting someone else to come with you. For if we can achieve positive results with even one of these beautiful and very difficult personal disciplines, we have made our Lent worthwhile.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Sunday immediately following Mass during Lent. Come join us during this season of Lent, in a contemporary devotion and prayer, as we follow Jesus' sufferings, death, and burial. Grow in faith.

## LENTEN JOURNEY

If you are wondering about a Lenten program for this season, you have only to look to the Gospel reading for Ash Wednesday. In the book of Matthew, Jesus highlights the three great acts of piety for those who would follow His way - prayer, fasting, and alms giving.

## OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES

It is with heavy hearts that we express our sympathy to Jiselle McDonald in the loss of her 23-year old niece, Lauren Marie Feudale, who died due to injuries sustained in a car accident. A Memorial Mass will be said at a date to be announced. Jiselle, Natalie & family, may your faith console you and bring you peace.