



# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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## **Sunday, February 6, 2011 - Fifth 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 - "Hymn of Faith"

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

CONTEMPORARY RITE - Mass Book page 63

READING I - Is 58:7-10

Thus says the LORD: Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own. Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your wound shall quickly be healed; your vindication shall go before you, and the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer, you shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I am! If you remove from your midst oppression, false accusation and malicious speech; if you bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted; then light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

*R. The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.* Light shines through the darkness for the upright; he is gracious and merciful and just. Well for the man who is gracious and lends, who conducts his affairs with justice.

*R. The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.* He shall never be moved; the just one shall be in everlasting remembrance. An evil report he shall not fear; his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.

*R. The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.* His heart is steadfast; he shall not fear. Lavishly he gives to the poor; His justice shall endure forever; his horn shall be exalted in glory.

*R. The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.*

READING II - 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, proclaiming the mystery of God, I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling, and my message and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of Spirit and power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Priest/Lector: ALLELUIA. R/: ALLELUIA. Verse.  
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GOSPEL - Mathew 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lamp stand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN -

"Come Thou Almighty King"

OUR FATHER - Mass book page 95

COMMUNION HYMNS -

"Here I Am Lord"

RECESSIONAL HYMN -

"Sing of the Lord's Goodness"



## St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

### **STS. CYRIL (825-869) and METHODIUS (826-885)**

Their feast day is February 14<sup>th</sup>. They 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 Ops-ikion 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 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 and quarreled over liturgical rights to the lands east of the Danube. Cyril died in Rome on February 14, 869. As he was dying he prayed: "Lord, my God, build up your Church and make it one. Inspire your people with your words and teaching. You called us to preach the Gospel of Christ and to encourage them to be pleasing to you. I return to you your people, your gift to me. Direct them and protect them. May they praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen." His brother, Methodius, continued to labor as a missionary until his death on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 885 in Velehrad, Czechoslovakia.

### **SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

Remember a loved one, family, or friend with a special Mass Intention - for a Joyous Occasion, Requiem, or Health Need. This remains an opportunity to invite family and friends to join for Mass in this prayerful way. Mass cards and Mass dates are available. Please, contact Fr. Andrew with your special intentions. God's care always!



### **A PRAYER - LEADING THE WAY**

Lord, inspire us today with the qualities of good leadership. Give us insight to make wise decisions, integrity to face the truth, courage to make difficult choices and compassion for the needs of others. Make us a model of justice and honor to the world, and let us never forget that our job is to serve, both you and others. Amen.

### **AN ACT OF PRAYER**

The offering of a burning candle before our altars is an act of prayer to God, our Blessed Mother, or the saints. We are encouraged to light a candle for our prayers. It is an outward, visible sign of our spiritual desires. It remains a shining, silent intercessor for us! May God Bless and Keep Us Always!

### **GOD'S RESPONSE**

Christ assures us that not even a cup of cold water given in His name will go without reward. Hence, we can be confident that He will be pleased with our prayerful offering of a vigil light.

### **WORKING TOGETHER**

As parishioners we must continue with our missionary work, bringing people to Christ, that they may receive his most needed grace, redemption and ultimate salvation. Encourage and promote your parish to all and make opportunity to do so, reach-out with open hands! Please continue your "good stewardship"! Keep St. Francis Church in your added prayers. Thank you and Peace to All!

### **HIS WORDS - BROTHERLY LOVE**

"Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." —1 John 3;18

### **FAITHFUL FAMILY**

As a faithful family, we gather each Sunday, at 9 a.m. in Celebration of the Eucharist. Lift up your heart and soul in glory to God, as we join faithfully in song, word, & prayer. Find peace, comfort, and renewed faith & spirit in the Mystery of the Eucharist! Join us after Mass, in the Parish Hall, at 10 a.m., for coffee and a roll or bagel. As a Parish Family, share, listen, and care with one another. God Bless You All and together our 'Faithful Family'!