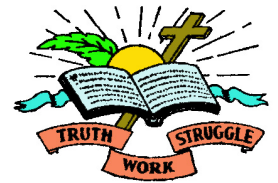




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*Sunday, February 7, 2016 • Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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" Mass Book page 63

## **READING I - Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8**

In the year King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a high and lofty throne, with the train of his garment filling the temple. Seraphim were stationed above.

They cried one to the other, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!" At the sound of that cry, the frame of the door shook and the house was filled with smoke.

Then I said, "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, holding an ember that he had taken with tongs from the altar.

He touched my mouth with it, and said, "See, now that this has touched your lips, your wickedness is removed, your sin purged."

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said; "send me!"

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8**

*R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.*  
I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth; in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple and give thanks to your name.

*R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.*  
Because of your kindness and your truth; for you have made great above all things your name and your promise. When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me.

*R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.*  
All the kings of the earth shall give thanks to you, O LORD, when they hear the words of your mouth; and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD:  
"Great is the glory of the LORD."

*R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.*  
Your right hand saves me. The LORD will complete what he has done for me; your kindness, O LORD, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands.

*R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.*

## **READING 2 - 1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 11**

Brothers and sisters, I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. After that he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one abnormally born, he appeared to me. Therefore, whether it be I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

**R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Priest/Lector: Come after me and I will make you fishers of men.

**R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

## **GOSPEL - Luke 5:1-11**

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Genesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **R: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Just As I Am"

COMMUNION HYMN - "O Lord, I Am Not Worthy"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "The Old Rugged Cross"

# St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

## WE TOO OFTEN LOVE THINGS & USE PEOPLE, WHEN WE SHOULD BE USING THINGS & LOVING PEOPLE

"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves." —Romans 12:10

A fable is told of a young orphan boy who had no family and no one to love him. Feeling sad and lonely, he was walking through a meadow one day when he saw a small butterfly caught in a thorn bush. The more the butterfly struggled to free itself, the deeper the thorns cut into its fragile body. The boy carefully released the butterfly, but instead of flying away, the butterfly transformed before his eyes into an angel. The boy rubbed his eyes in disbelief as the angel said, "For your kindness, I will do whatever you would like." The little boy thought for a moment and then said, "I want to be happy!" The angel replied, "Very well," and then leaned toward him, whispered in his ear and vanished.

As the little boy grew up, there was no one in the land as happy as he. When people asked him to tell his secret of happiness, he would only smile and say, "I listened to angel when I was a little boy." On his deathbed, his neighbors rallied around him and asked him to divulge the secret of his happiness before he died. The old man finally told them; "The angel told me that everyone, no matter how secure they seemed, no matter how old or young, how rich or poor, had need of me."

## JUST A THOUGHT!

"If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men." —St. Francis of Assisi

## BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY - Henri Nouwen WORDS THAT CREATE

Our society is full of words; on billboards, on television screens, in newspapers and books. Words whispered, shouted, and sung. Words that move, dance, and change in size and color. Words that say, "Taste me, smell me, eat me, drink me, sleep with me," but most of all, "buy me." With so many words around us, we quickly say, "Well, they're just words." Thus, words have lost much of their power. Still, the word has the power to create. When God speaks, God says, "Let there be light" (Genesis 1:3). God speaks light. For God, speaking and creating are the same. It is this creative power of the word we need to reclaim. What we say is very important. When we say, "I love you," and say it from the heart, we can give another person new life, new hope, new courage. When we say, "I hate you," we can destroy another person. Let's watch our words!

## PRESENTATION OF JESUS, Feb. 2

Forty days after his birth, Jesus was presented in the temple by Mary and Joseph to fulfill Jewish law. There he was recognized by Simeon and Anna, who were waiting for the coming Messiah. St. Luke reports the event;

When the day came to purify them according to the law of Moses, the couple brought Jesus up to Jerusalem so that he could be presented to the Lord, "Every first-born male shall be consecrated to the Lord." They came to offer in sacrifice "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." in accord with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

There lived in Jerusalem at the time a certain man named Simeon. He was just and pious, and awaited the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It was revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not experience death until he had seen the Anointed of the Lord. He came to the temple now, inspired by the same Spirit; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform for him the customary ritual of the law, he took him in his arms and blessed God in these words:

"Now, Master, you can dismiss your servant in peace; you have fulfilled your word. For my eyes have witnessed your saving deed displayed for all the peoples to see: A revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of your people Israel."

This feast, celebrated by the Christian Churches of East and West at an early date, has also been called "CANDLEMAS DAY" because candles are blessed and lighted this day on which Simeon called Jesus "a light to the Gentiles."

Christ your Son became man for us and was presented in the temple. Amen.

## IMPOSSIBILITIES VANISH WHEN A MAN AND HIS GOD CONFRONT A MOUNTAIN

"...but with God all things are possible."

—Matthew 19:26

When Ferdinand de Lesseps heard that his childhood friend Mohammed Said had been named viceroy of Egypt, de Lesseps wasted no time in getting to Cairo. Both men were in high spirits when they met outside Alexandria on November 13, 1854. De Lesseps had come primarily to discuss with Said an idea he had for a canal, but he did not bring it up immediately. Instead, he waited for a sign from God. When he rose before dawn, he knew the moment had come. He later wrote; "the sun's rays were already lighting up the eastern horizon; in the west it was still dark and cloudy. Suddenly I saw a vivid-colored rainbow stretching across the sky from east to west. I must admit that I felt my heart beat violently, for ... this token of a covenant ... seemed to presage that the moment had come for the consummation of the Union between the East and West."

De Lesseps rode immediately to Said's tent, and before the day was out. His proposal for the great Suez Canal had been approved.

God may not send you a rainbow as a sign, but His covenant with you is sure. Why not look to Him today for His answers - both for the innovative ideas you need and for the precise timing in which to do them.



## Important Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, February 10, 7:00 p.m.

**Ash Wednesday Eucharist**

Sunday, February 14 thru

Sunday, March 13 after Mass, 10 a.m.

**Stations of the Cross**