

# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## 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 - **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** "Hymn of Faith"

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READING I - Job 7, 1-4, 6-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 147, 1-2, 3-4, 5-6

**R/ Praise the Lord who heals the brokenhearted.**

Praise the Lord, for he is good; sing praise to our God, for he is gracious; it is fitting to praise him. The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; the dispersed of Israel he gathers.

**R/ Praise the Lord who heals the brokenhearted.**

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.  
He tells the number of the stars; he calls each by name.

**R/ Praise the Lord who heals the brokenhearted.**

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; to his wisdom there is no limit.  
The Lord sustains the lowly; the wicked he casts to the ground.

**R/ Praise the Lord who heals the brokenhearted.**

READING II - 1 Corinthians 9, 16-19, 22-23

Priest/Lector: ALLELUIA. **R/: ALLELUIA.** This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people, Israel. **R/: ALLELUIA.**

GOSPEL - Mark 1, 29-39 A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

Upon leaving the synagogue, Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and the first thing they did was to tell him about her. He went over to her and grasped her hand and helped her up, and the fever left her. She immediately began to wait on them.

After a sunset, as evening drew on, they brought him all who were ill and those possessed by demons. Before long the whole town was gathered outside the door. Those whom he cured, who were variously afflicted, were many, and so were the demons he expelled. But he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. Rising early the next morning, he went off to a lonely place in the desert; there he was absorbed in prayer. Simon and his companions managed to track him down; and when they found him, they told him, "Everybody is looking for you!" He said to them "Let us move on to the neighboring villages so that I may proclaim the good news there also. That is what I have come to do." So he went into their synagogues preaching the good news and expelling demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

This is the gospel of the Lord. **R/: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

GENERAL CONCESSIONS

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Come Thou Almighty King"

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COMMUNION HYMNS - "Hallowed Be Forever" & "In Thy Protection"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "How Great Thou Art"



Create in me  
a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and  
right spirit within me.

—Psalm 51:10

## “St. Francis Weekly “Kompositions”

### ST. JEROME EMILIANI (1481-1537)

February 8

Born in Venice, Italy, in 1481, St. Jerome served as a soldier in the Venetian army and rose to command the League of Cambrai forces at the mountain fortress of Castlenuovo. He was indifferent to his religion, but while in chains in prison following a military defeat, he turned to God and miraculously escaped to freedom. He resolved to dedicate his life to God and Our Lady, and was ordained to the priesthood in 1518.

Famine and plague struck the Venetian republic and Jerome devoted himself to caring for and educating children orphaned by the disaster. In 1531, he founded orphanages in Brescia, Bergamo and Como. About 1532, Jerome and two other priests founded a congregation of men to care for orphans, named the Clerks Regular of Somascha. Jerome was the first individual to teach children religion by using a catechism. While caring for the sick, he himself caught an infectious disease and died on February 8, 1537.

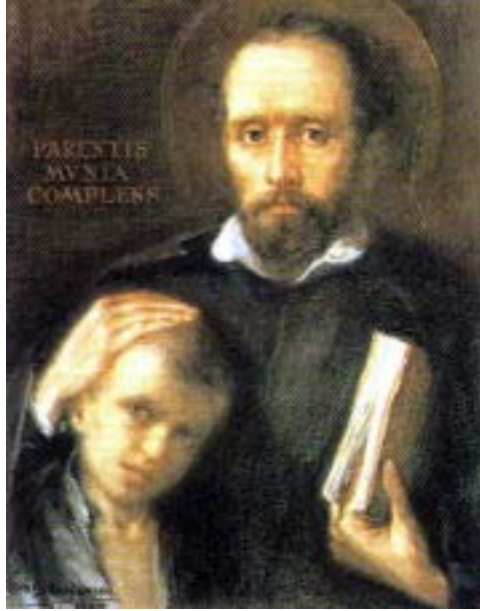
God of mercy, you gave St. Jerome a merciful heart. Help us too to care for the needy. Amen.

### BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY ...

Henri Nouwen

#### CARE, THE SOURCE OF ALL CURE

Care is something other than cure. Cure means “change.” A doctor, a lawyer, a minister, a social worker - they all want to use their professional skills to bring about changes in people’s lives. They get paid for whatever kind of cure they can bring about. But cure, desirable as it may be, can easily become violent, manipulative, and even destructive if it does not grow out of care. Care is



being with, crying out with, suffering with, feeling with. Care is compassion. It is claiming the truth that the other person is my brother or sister, human, mortal, vulnerable, like I am.

When care is our first concern, cure can be received as a gift. Often we are not able to cure, but we are always able to care. To care is to human.

### ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS

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#### Helen Steiner Rice - SMALL DEEDS

Seldom do we realize the importance of small deeds or to

what degree of greatness unnoticed kindness leads.

“He holds victory in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones.” —Proverbs 2:7-8

Today in some manner, no matter how seemingly small, make the way smoother for at least one person!

### ST. FRANCIS NOTES ...

**ST. VALENTINE’S DAY ...** Saturday, February 14th, is observed in honor of St. Valentine, a martyr of the third century and coincidentally as a day for sending valentines to sweethearts, schoolmates, etc., Happy Valentine’s Day ... Remember the Power of Love!

**OUR WELCOME ...** to the Very Rev. Wieslaw Pietruszka, who will celebrate Sunday Mass today, while Fr. Andrew and family are on vacation.

**ST. PATRICK-S/ ST. JOSEPH-S SPRING DINNER ...** will be held at St. Francis Church, Sunday, March 15th, at 3 p.m.. Please ask how you can help make this another successful fundraiser. Thank you!

