

ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

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Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN - "Hymn of Faith"

CONTEMPORARY RITE - Mass Book pg. 63

NO GLORIA DURING LENT

READING I - 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD's temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem. Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power. All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah: "Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled."

In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing: "Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6.

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

By the streams of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion. On the aspens of that land we hung up our harps.

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

For there our captors asked of us the lyrics of our songs, And our despoilers urged us to be joyous: "Sing for us the songs of Zion!"

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

How could we sing a song of the LORD in a foreign land? If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand be forgotten!

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

May my tongue cleave to my palate if I remember you not, If I place not Jerusalem ahead of my joy.

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

READING II - Eph 2:4-10

Brothers and sisters: God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ -by grace you have been saved-, raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL - John 3:16

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

GOSPEL - John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Just As I Am"

OUR FATHER - page 95

COMMUNION HYMNS -
"Nearer My God to Thee"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "
How Great Thou Art"



St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

VIRTUE: PRAISE GOD!

We all know the answer to this question; What's the difference between the Optimist and the Pessimist? The Optimist sees half a glass of water as "half-full." The Pessimist calls the same glass "half-empty." As people baptized into the very life of the Risen Christ, Christians are optimists by calling and experience. We live praising God, whether we are at Mass, or drawing breath with each new day. We praise God for His goodness: life, health, pleasure, pain, joy, sorrow. We recognize that all, from our loving Creator - even when we can not yet "see" how God turns sorrow to joy, pain to growth and new life. Be a Christian optimist this Lent. Praise God each day!

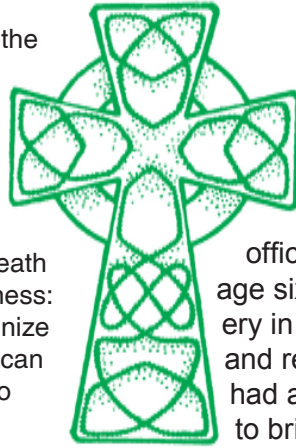
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Come join the journey...During Lent, we have Stations of the Cross immediately following 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass... grow in faith and spirit!

LET'S CHUCKLE OR LAUGH A LITTLE... (from Hey! Christians Have a Sense of Humor, Too!)

Favorite Songs in Bible Times...

Adam & Eve: "Strangers in Paradise"
Lazarus: "The Second Time Around"
Elijah: "Up, Up and Away"
Samson: "Hair"
Moses: "The Wanderer"
Joshua: "Good Vibrations"
Daniel: "The Lion sleeps Tonight"
Job: "I've Got a Right to Sing the Blues"
Noah: "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head"



ST. PATRICK (385-461)

March 17

St. Patrick was born about 385 in either Dumbarton on the Clyde or Cumberland to the south of Hadrian's Wall. He was of Roman British heritage and his father, Calpornius, was a deacon and a municipal official. He was seized from his father's farm at age sixteen by Irish raiders who sold him into slavery in pagan Ireland. Six years later, he escaped and returned to his home. His captivity, however, had a deep religious effect on him and he longed to bring his Christian belief to the Irish people. In a dream, he heard "the voice of the Irish" calling him back.

Patrick studied at the monastery of Lerins, off the coast of France, from 412 to 415. He spent his next fifteen years at Auxerre, France and was probably ordained about 417 by St. Amator.

About 432, Patrick was appointed bishop by Germanus and went to Ireland to succeed Bishop Palladius. He went to the north and west of Ireland where the local Irish leaders welcomed him. Soon he established churches throughout the country and, though opposed fiercely by the pagan Druids, converted many. In 444, after visiting Rome, Patrick established his episcopal see in Armagh, which became the focal point of the Catholic Church's ministry in Ireland.

Patrick's own account of his conversion and missionary life is known as the Confessio. In it he saw himself as a humble instrument in God's hands, given gifts of wisdom and strength to bring an alien people to the true faith. "I am ready to give my life most willingly; to spend myself even to death in this country ... Among this people I want to wait for the promise made by Christ in the Gospel, 'They shall come from the east and the west, and sit down with Abraham, Issac and Jacob'."

Patrick died in 461 at Saul on Strangford Lough, He is the patron of Ireland.

UPCOMING EVENT DATES

Sundays During Lent following Holy Mass

Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 22nd - 9 am

Passion Sunday Mass

Sunday, March 29th - 9 am

Palm Sunday Mass & Distribution of Palms

Thursday, April 2nd - 7 pm

Holy Thursday Mass

Friday, April 3rd - 7 pm

Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday, April 4th - 1 pm

Blessing of the Easter Baskets & Foods

Sunday, April 5th - 9 am

Easter Sunday Mass

