

ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH  
*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace! — St. Francis*  
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Sunday, March 21, 2010  
**Passion of Our Lord, Jesus Christ**

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**

Entrance Hymn - "Hymn of Faith"

**CONTEMPORARY RITE** - Mass Book page 63

**READING I** - Isaiah 43: 16-21

Thus says the LORD, who opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters, Who leads out chariots and horsemen, a powerful army, Till they lie prostrate together, never to rise, snuffed out and quenched like a wick. Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; See, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? In the desert I make a way, in the wasteland, rivers. Wild beasts honor me, jackals and ostriches, For I put water in the desert and rivers in the wasteland for my chosen people to drink, The people whom I formed for myself, that they might announce my praise.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the LORD; the lowly will hear me and be glad.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Glorify the LORD with me, let us together extol his name. I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy, and your faces may not blush with shame. When the poor one called out, the LORD heard, and from all his distress he saved him.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**READING II** - Phillipians 3: 8-14

More than that, I even consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having any righteousness of my own based on the law but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God, depending on faith to know him and the power of his resurrection and (the) sharing of his sufferings by being conformed to his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have already attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ (Jesus). Brothers, I for my part do not consider myself to have taken possession. Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus.

**GOSPEL** - The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark (see separate sheet)

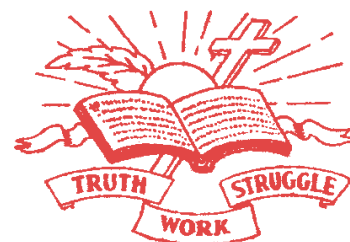
OFFERTORY HYMN - "O, My Jesus"

OUR FATHER - Mass book page 95

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE - "Here I Am, Lord"

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Cross of Compassion"



# St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

## + L E N T 2010 +

### LENT ... OUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY ...

During this season of Lent, we are asked to renew and heal our spirit. Traditionally, we may prepare by fasting, prayer and works of charity. There remains so many paths to our Lord ... take time to reflect and refresh your soul and spirit. Our Lenten journey continues..

### THE ANNUNCIATION ... March 25

One of the "Christmas feasts" celebrated outside the Christmas season, the feast of the Annunciation recalls the coming of the Angel Gabriel to Mary at Nazareth to announce that she was to be the mother of Jesus. St. Luke records the historic moment; 'The Angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. Upon arriving, the angel said to her: "Rejoice, O highly favored daughter! The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women." She was deeply troubled by his words, and wondered what his greeting meant. The angel went on to say to her: "Do not fear, Mary. You have found favor with God. You shall conceive and bear a son and give him the name Jesus. Great will be his dignity and he will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of David his father. He will rule over the house of Jacob forever and his reign will be without end."

Mary said to ' the angel, "How can this be since I do not know man? The angel answered her: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; hence, the holy offspring to be born will be called Son of God. Know that Elizabeth your kins-woman has conceived a son in her old age; she who was thought to be sterile is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible with God." Mary said: "I am the maid-servant of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say." With that the angel left her.' - Luke 1, 28-38

The feast of the Annunciation is an ancient feast of the Church. March 25, the time of the spring equinox, was seen as a significant day by the early Christians who regarded it as the day the world was created, the day of Christ's conception in Mary's womb, and the day of his death on the Cross.

God our Father, Your Word became man and was born of the Virgin Mary. Amen.

### BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY ... Henri Nouwen CLAIMING THE SACREDNESS OF OUR BEING

Are we friends with ourselves? Do we love who we are? These are important questions because we cannot develop good friendships with others unless we have befriended ourselves.

How then do we befriend ourselves? We have to start by acknowledging the truth of ourselves. We are beautiful but also limited, rich but also poor, generous but also worried about our security. Yet beyond all that we are people with souls, sparks of the divine. To acknowledge the truth of ourselves is to claim the sacredness of our being, without fully understanding it. Our deepest being escapes our own mental or emotional grasp. But when we trust that our souls are embraced by a loving God, we can befriend ourselves and reach out to others in loving relationships.

### ST. FRANCIS NOTES

**ST. PATRICK/ST. JOSEPH DINNER** is being held today in our Parish Hall at 3 p.m. Please help make this another successful event for our St. Francis Parish! Attend and invite your family and friends, for a great meal and a-bit of fun! We hope to see you!

**THANK YOU** to all Parishioners and Friends of St. Francis, for your continued stewardship and support, making all our days a success!

**Pierogis - PIEROGIES - Pierogies** are for sale! Potato & cheese, saurkraut & mushroom, and spinach are available. \$5 a dozen. Please see Monika! They are a great meal during this season of Lent!

### ST. FRANCIS UPCOMING EVENTS

#### \*ST. PATRICK'S / ST. JOSEPH'S DINNER

**TODAY** Sunday, March 21, 3 p.m.  
Corned beef dinner plus Polish specialties  
with Italian desserts! Sounds delicious!



#### PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Sunday, March 28, 9 a.m.  
Holy Mass Liturgy and Distribution of Palms



#### \*HOLY THURSDAY

April 1, Mass - 7 p.m.

#### \*GOOD FRIDAY

April 2, Passion Service - 7 p.m.

#### \*EASTER BASKET BLESSINGS

Saturday, April 3, 1 p.m.  
Traditional blessing  
of Easter food baskets



#### \*EASTER SUNDAY (RESURRECTION MASS)

Sunday, April 4, 8:30 a.m.



#### \*MAXIMILLIAN FARQUHARSON'S BAPTISM

Sunday, April 11, 11:00 a.m. Mass