



## ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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## Passion Sunday

March 22, 2015



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 - Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant, and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the LORD. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evil doing and remember their sin no more.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15.

**R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.

**R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

**R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me. I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners shall return to you.

**R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

READING II - Hebrews 5:7-9

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL - John 12:26

Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, there will my servant be.

GOSPEL - The Passion according to John  
See separate sheet.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

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



GENERAL INTERCES-  
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OFFERTORY HYMN -  
"Holy God, We Praise Thy  
Name"

OUR FATHER - page 95

COMMUNION HYMN -  
"The Servant Song"

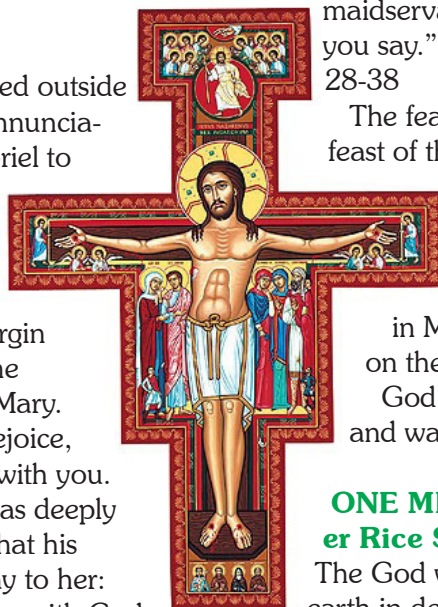
RECESSIONAL HYMN -  
"Prayer of St. Francis"

# St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

## † L E N T 2015 † 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 kinswoman 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



maidservant 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.

## ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS...Helen Steiner Rice SPRINGTIME AWAKENING

The God who sends the winter and wraps the earth in death will always send the springtime with an awakening breath.

"For you have delivered me from death and my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before God in the light of life." —Psalm 56:13

Today thank God for the gift of changing seasons of nature and the gift of new life!

## EASTER CUSTOMS: FOOT WASHING

Foot washing is one of the lesser known customs of the Easter season, but perhaps is one of the most important. At the time of Christ, people wore sandals and walked many miles on dusty roads. It was a sign of courtesy and respect for a servant to gently wash the feet of guests when they arrived. The night before he was crucified, Jesus took a basin of water and a towel and washed the feet of each of his disciples. Christ was showing his followers that he was their servant, and that he respected them. Christ knew he was leaving the disciples to start his church, and he was also showing them that in order to be good leaders, they must both show respect to their followers and also be willing to serve them. In Medieval times, kings and lords followed Christ's example by washing the feet of twelve of the poorest men in their kingdoms on the Thursday before Easter. Later, in England, it became the custom of the kings and queens to wash the feet of as many poor people as they were years old. Queen Elizabeth still carries on this custom today.

### UPCOMING EVENT DATES

*Sundays During Lent following Holy Mass*

Stations of the Cross

*Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> - 9 am*

Passion Sunday Mass

*Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> - 9 am*

Palm Sunday Mass & Distribution of Palms

*Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> - 7 pm*

Holy Thursday Mass

*Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7 pm*

Good Friday Liturgy

*Holy Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> - 1 pm*

Blessing of the Easter Baskets & Foods

*Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> - 9 am*

Easter Sunday Mass