

ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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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.**

9:00 am -THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS:

1. Collect & Scriptural Lessons (see last page)
2. Blessing of the Palms
3. Distribution of the Palms
4. Procession of the Palms "O, My Jesus"
(procession around the inside of the church once)

ORDER OF PROCESSION:

1. Processional Cross
2. Adoration - Society Members
3. Altar Servers 4. Priest 5. Faithful
(Priest & Cross Bearer will continue to vestibule)

9:00 AM - Celebration of the Eucharist

CONTEMPORARY RITE - Mass Book pg. 63

ENTRANCE HYMN - "Hymn of Faith"

READING I - Isaiah 50: 4-7

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM -

Ps 22: 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

R/My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me scoff at me; they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads; "He relied on the Lord; let him deliver him, let him rescue him, if he loves him."

R/My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Indeed, many dogs surround me, a pack of evildoers closes in upon me; They have pierced my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.

R/My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

They divide my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots. But you, O Lord, be not far from me; O my help, hasten to aid me.

R/My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

I will proclaim your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly, I will praise you; "You who fear the Lord, praise him; all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him."

R/My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

READING II - Philippians 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL: Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

GOSPEL - Luke 23:1-49 (see separate sheet)

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Lord Forgive"

OUR FATHER - page 95

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE - "O, My Jesus" & "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Cross of Compassion"

St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

+ PALM SUNDAY +

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of "Holy Week." On this day we commemorate the last triumph of Our Lord Jesus Christ on earth. On this day we celebrate the triumphant entry of our Lord into Jerusalem; when the multitudes, going before & following after Him, cut off branches from the trees and strewed them in His way, shouting, "Hosanna, to the Son of David. Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord."

'The Palm Sunday triumph of our Lord only led to His death. But we know that this death was not a failure. It was through His passion and death that He conquered the world and entered into His Kingdom. So the faithful join in this triumphant celebration in an act of homage and gratitude to Christ our King!

+ PASCHAL TRIDIUM +

For Christians the Paschal Tridium ("Three Days") is the focal point of the entire year. During these days, covering the period from the evening of holy Thursday through the evening of Easter Sunday, we celebrate our faith in the paschal mystery of Christ with the greatest fervor and intensity. In the liturgy we commemorate the passion, death and resurrection of Christ as the means of our salvation. Through our baptism, we share in the death of Christ and so hope to share in his resurrection. The liturgy of the Paschal Tridium then invites us to reflect on where we are in our own Paschal journey in Christ.

+ MAUNDY THURSDAY OR HOLY THURSDAY +

The name Maundy comes from the Latin word which means "command." It refers to the new command Jesus gave his disciples on the 'Thursday before he was crucified. On that night, long ago, he served the "Last Supper" of bread and wine, washed his disciples' feet and said, "A new command I give you; Love one another." —John 13:13

Church bells fall silent on this day and are not heard again until Easter morning. Instead of tinkering bells, wooden clappers are used during divine services. The altar is stripped at the end of the service to symbolize Christ being

stripped of his power. 'The holy sacrifice is interrupted and will not be offered again until Holy Saturday.

+ GOOD FRIDAY +

Good Friday used to be called God's Friday, because it was the day Jesus was crucified. This is the most solemn day of the year, as we recall the sufferings and death of Jesus. We take this time to journey the "Stations of the Cross," Christ's road to Calvary. The Bible says that when Jesus hung on the cross, the sky became dark from noon until three o'clock in the afternoon. During those hours, traditionally, the faithful may meditate in public or private, on the sufferings of Our Lord on the Cross and remember the words He spoke on the Cross... Take time to remember, read the Passion, meditate, pray! We share now in sorrow, grief and pain...

+ HOLY SATURDAY + BLESSINGS OF EASTER FOODS

Holy Saturday is liturgically a day of deepest mourning, a day which the Church spends at our Lord's sepulchre, meditating on His sacred Passion and death. There is no Mass and the altars are bare.

As we end the Lenten penitential period in pious preparation for a festive Paschal season. We have the blessing of our Easter foods on Holy Saturday, April 3rd at 1:00 pm, a token of gratitude to God for all his gifts of both nature and grace. Traditionally the baskets are filled with foods covered in a white linen cloth. The foods are symbolic to the season; such as a lamb, formed in butter or cake, representing Christ slain for our sins; horseradish, symbolizes the bitterness of the Passion; eggs, symbolize 'new

life' and resurrection. Today the baskets may be traditional or contain items special to the owner. Baskets are then placed on the altar & in a quiet ceremony the priest blesses & sprinkles the food with holy water.

The blessing has a very "special significance," in that it represents the belief that the Lord is part of our daily life and is always among us!

The baskets are brought home and set aside until Easter morning. At that time the egg is first broken - the symbol of new life, shared by the family in an exchange of good wishes.

The Blessing will be well advertised and opens another opportunity for our surrounding community to see and learn about our church. Please attend and be a friend and bring a friend! Thank you!

HOLY WEEK is upon us...
pray, meditate, attend Holy Week Services, grow in your spirit...
as we prepare for EASTER SUNDAY!

EASTER BREAKFAST

Come, you are invited, family and friends of St. Francis to attend our traditional "Easter Celebration Breakfast" held in the Parish Hall after Easter Sunday Mass. Come, let us REJOICE together!

ST. FRANCIS UPCOMING EVENTS

***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

PALM SUNDAY

Luke 23:1-49

The elders of the people, chief priests and scribes, arose and brought Jesus before Pilate. They brought charges against him, saying, “We found this man misleading our people; he opposes the payment of taxes to Caesar and maintains that he is the Christ, a king.” Pilate asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” He said to him in reply, “You say so.”

Pilate then addressed the chief priests and the crowds, “I find this man not guilty.” But they were adamant and said, “He is inciting the people with his teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to here.”

On hearing this Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean; and upon learning that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod who was in Jerusalem at that time. Herod was very glad to see Jesus; he had been wanting to see him for a long time, for he had heard about him and had been hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at length, but he gave him no answer.

The chief priests and scribes, meanwhile, stood by accusing him harshly. Herod and his soldiers treated him contemptuously and mocked him, and after clothing him in resplendent garb, he sent him back to Pilate. Herod and Pilate became friends that very day, even though they had been enemies formerly. Pilate then summoned the chief priests, the rulers, and the people and said to them, “You brought this man to me and accused him of inciting the people to revolt. I have conducted my investigation in your presence and have not found this man guilty of the charges you have brought against him, nor did Herod, for he sent him back to us. So no capital crime has been committed by him. Therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him.”

But all together they shouted out, “Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us.”

— Now Barabbas had been imprisoned for a rebellion that had taken place in the city and for murder. — Again Pilate addressed them, still wishing to release Jesus, but they continued their shouting, “Crucify him! Crucify him!”

Pilate addressed them a third time, “What evil has this man done? I found him guilty of no capital crime. Therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him.” With loud shouts, however, they persisted in calling for his crucifixion, and their voices prevailed.

The verdict of Pilate was that their demand should be granted. So he released the man who had been imprisoned for rebellion and murder, for whom they asked, and he handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they wished. As they led him away they took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus.

A large crowd of people followed Jesus, including many women who mourned and lamented him. Jesus turned to them and said,

“Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep instead for yourselves and for your children for indeed, the days are coming when people will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed.’ At that time people will say to the mountains, ‘Fall upon us!’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us!’ for if these things are done when the wood is green what will happen when it is dry?”

Now two others, both criminals, were led away with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left.

Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.” They divided his garments by casting lots.

The people stood by and watched; the rulers, meanwhile, sneered at him and said, “He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God.”

Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, “If you are King of the Jews, save yourself.” Above him there was an inscription that read, “This is the King of the Jews.”

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us.”

The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, “Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation?”

And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

He replied to him, “Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun.

Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit”; and when he had said this he breathed his last.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

The centurion who witnessed what had happened glorified God and said, “This man was innocent beyond doubt.”

When all the people who had gathered for this spectacle saw what had happened, they returned home beating their breasts; but all his acquaintances stood at a distance, including the women who had followed him from Galilee and saw these events.