

ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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Sunday, April 10, 2011 - Fifth Sunday in Lent



5th
SUNDAY OF
LENT

Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

9:00 AM - "Hymn of Faith"

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READING I - 1 Ez 37:12-14

Thus says the Lord GOD: O my people,
I will open your graves and have you rise

from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive to my voice in supplication.

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

If you, O LORD, mark iniquities, LORD, who can stand?
But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered.

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

I trust in the LORD; my soul trusts in his word. More than sentinels wait for the dawn, let Israel wait for the LORD.

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

For with the LORD is kindness and with him is plenteous redemption; And he will redeem Israel from all their iniquities.

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READING II - Rom 8:8-11

Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh;

on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.

Priest/Lector: Verse.

GOSPEL - Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

The sisters of Lazarus sent word to Jesus, saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

He became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?"

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him. This is the gospel of the Lord. R/: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN - "O, My Jesus"

OUR FATHER - Mass book page 95

COMMUNION HYMN - "Lord Forgive"

AFTER MASS - Stations of the Cross

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Cross of Compassion"

St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

ST. STANISLAUS, (1030-1097), April 11

St. Stanislaus was born at Szczeyanow, Poland, on July 26, 1030 into a wealthy and noble family. He was educated at Cracow and ordained to the priesthood by Lampert Zula, Bishop of Cracow. In 1072, Stanislaus became Bishop of Cracow. He was the popular choice of both the people and his predecessor, Bishop Lampert. They revered him for his holiness and priestly devotion to the poor. As bishop, he continued to teach the message of Christ and generously served those in need.

Poland then was ruled by King Boleslaus II, a man whose sensual and cruel tendencies caused great harm to his nation. Stanislaus repeatedly admonished the ruler about his wrongdoings, until finally he excommunicated him from the Church. Enraged by the action, Boleslaus entered the chapel of St. Michael outside Cracow, where the bishop was celebrating Mass and killed him with his own sword. Boleslaus had the body dismembered and sought to hide it, but the saint's relics were recovered and placed in veneration at the cathedral in Cracow. Stanislaus died in 1097. His prayer: Lord help us be strong and loyal to our faith, and protect those who proclaim your word. Amen.

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UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Stations of the Cross

This devotion and reflection will follow each
Sunday Mass, during Lent

Palm Sunday, April 17, 2011 - 9 a.m.

Blessing and Procession Mass

Holy Thursday, April 21, 2011 - 7 p.m.

Holy Mass

Good Friday, April 22, 2011 - 7 p.m.

Services/Mass

Holy Saturday, April 23, 2011 - 1 p.m.

Blessing of Easter food baskets,
please invite family and friends
for this special event!

Resurrection Mass, April 24, 2011

Easter Sunday, 8:30 a.m. Mass

Come Rejoice in this Easter Celebration!

Sunday, May 15, 2011

Mass will be at 8:00 a.m.

Fr. Andrew will be out of town and
Fr. Wes will be saying Mass.

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY - Henri Nouwen

A reflection of faith and wisdom...

LOVING OUR RELIGIOUS LEADERS

Religious leaders, prophets, ministers, rabbis, and imams can be admired and revered but also hated and despised. We expect that our religious leaders will bring us closer to God through their prayers, teaching, and guidance. Therefore, we watch their behavior carefully and listen critically to their words, but precisely because we expect them, often without realizing it, to be superhuman, we are easily disappointed or even feel betrayed when they prove to be just as human as we are. Thus, our unmitigated admiration quickly turns into unrestrained anger.

Let's try to love our religious leaders, forgive them their faults, and see them as brothers and sisters. Then we will enable them, in their brokenness, to lead us closer to the heart of God.

