

ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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Sunday, April 17, 2011



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*"

Procession with Palms: See separate booklet.

Mass Book page 63

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; revere him, all you descendants of Israel!"

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READING II - Phil 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.

Priest/Lector: Verse.

GOSPEL - Matthew 26:14-27:66 See separate sheet.

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"

BLESSED KATERI TEKAKWITHA (1656-1680) April 17

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha was born at Auriesville, New York in 1656 to a Christian Algonquin and a Mohawk Indian chief. She suffered the loss of her father and mother at the age of four in an epidemic of smallpox which left her disfigured. In 1675, she embraced the Catholic faith through her contacts with Jesuit missionaries, namely Fr. Jacques de Lamperville. Her strong faith caused her to be persecuted among her own people, so she journeyed nearly 200 miles to a Christian Indian village near Montreal, Canada. While there, Kateri dedicated her life to God and lived an exemplary Christian life. She died in 1680 at the age of 24 at Caughnawaga, Canada. She is known as the Lily of the Mohawks and her example has inspired the Indian communities of North America. Her prayer: Father, you give to all people and call those afar off to faith. Give your gifts to those who do not know you. Amen.

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY - Henri Nouwen A reflection of faith and wisdom... GROWING INTO OUR TRUE FREEDOM

True freedom is the freedom of the children of God. To reach that freedom requires a lifelong discipline since so much in our world militates against it. The political, economic, social and even religious powers surrounding us all want to keep us in bondage so that we will obey their commands and be dependent on their rewards.

But the spiritual truth that leads to freedom is the truth that we belong not to this world but to God, whose beloved children we are. by living lives in which we keep returning to that truth in word and deed, we will gradually grow into our true freedom.

HIS WORDS - FORGIVENESS

"But love your enemies, do good to them & lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great & you will be sons of the Most High because He is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge, & you will not be judged. Do not condemn & you will not be condemned. Forgive & you will be forgiven. Give & it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together & running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

—Luke 6:35-36



UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

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.

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Sunday, TODAY, April 17th - 8:00 p.m.

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