

# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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## April 24, 2016 - Fifth Sunday of Easter



Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

9:00 AM - "Christ Is Risen"

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### READING I - Acts 14:21-27

After Paul and Barnabas had proclaimed the good news to that city and made a considerable number of disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch. They strengthened the spirits of the disciples and exhorted them to persevere in the faith, saying, "It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." They appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, commended them to the Lord in whom they had put their faith. Then they traveled through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. After proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia. From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now accomplished. And when they arrived, they called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13

*R. I will praise your name for ever,  
my king and my God.*

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. The LORD is good to all and compassionate toward all his works.

*R. I will praise your name for ever,  
my king and my God.*

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD, and let your faithful ones bless you. Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might.

*R. I will praise your name for ever,  
my king and my God.*

Let them make known your might to the children of Adam, and the glorious splendor

of your kingdom. Your kingdom is a kingdom for all ages, and your dominion endures through all generations.

*R. I will praise your name for ever,  
my king and my God.*

### READING II - Rev 21:1-5a

Then I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away."

The One who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

R./ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest/Lector: Verse. R./ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

### GOSPEL - John 13:31-33a, 34-35

When Judas had left them, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and God will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples,

if you have love for one another." This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Come Unto Jesus"

OUR FATHER - Mass book page 95

COMMUNION HYMN - "Lead Me, Lord"

RECESSIONAL HYMN -

"Christ The Lord Is Risen Today"



## **CELEBRATE EASTERTIDE - 2016!**

### **ST. MARK (FIRST CENTURY) APRIL 25**

St. Mark, author of the second Gospel, was a member of the early Christian community at Jerusalem. St. Paul and St. Barnabas, his cousin, took him on their missionary journey. When they reached Cyprus, however, Mark left them to return to Jerusalem, perhaps because he missed home. This caused Paul to question for awhile Mark's reliability as a missionary, and the incident brought about a disagreement between himself and Barnabas. Later, during one of Paul's imprisonments, he was also an associate of Peter. One tradition relates that Mark became Bishop of Alexandria in Egypt. Around the ninth century, his relics were brought to Venice where they rest in the great Cathedral of San Marco. Mark is depicted in art as a winged lion, probably suggested by the description in his Gospel of John the Baptist as "a voice in the desert." It is believed that he wrote his Gospel between 60 and 70 AD. His prayer: God, our Father, may we know your Son, Jesus Christ, truly one of us and truly God. Amen.

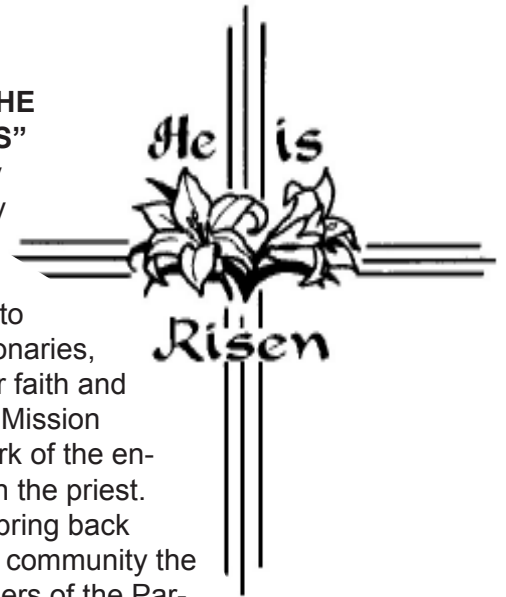
### **BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY - HENRI NOUWEN**

#### ***A reflection of faith and wisdom... FULFILLING A MISSION***

When we live as missions, we become aware that there is a home from which we are sent and to which we have to return. We start thinking about ourselves as people who are in a faraway country to bring a message or work on a project, but only for a certain amount of time. When the message has been delivered and the project is finished, we want to return home to give an account of our mission and to rest from our labors. One of the most important spiritual disciplines is to develop the knowledge that the years of our lives are years "on a mission."

### **PROCLAIM THE "GOOD NEWS"**

We are greatly encouraged by our *Diocese* and the need of our church, to become missionaries, to proclaim our faith and "Good News." Mission work is the work of the entire parish, with the priest. Our goal is to bring back into our parish community the inactive members of the Parish as well as to reach out to those in our surrounding communities who may belong to no church, and invite them to become members of our Parish. Our church remains Christ centered, where love, forgiveness, and respect are the qualities of our parish community...Come, bring people to Christ, that they may receive His -most needed grace, redemption and ultimate salvation!



### **HIS WORD - SEEKING GOD**

"But if from there you seek the Lord your God, you will find him if you look for him with all your heart and with all your soul."

—Deuteronomy 4:29

**SHARE THE  
GLORY OF  
EASTER**

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*And, don't forget about health intentions or requiem intentions.*