



ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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Pentecost - May 15, 2016

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*"

If you take away their breath, they perish
and return to their dust. When you send
forth your spirit, they are created, and you
renew the face of the earth.

***R. Lord, send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.***

READING II - 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

Brothers and sisters: No one can say,
"Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same
Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same
Lord; there are different workings but the same God who
produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the
manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the
parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also
Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one
body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons,
and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

R./ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest/Lector: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your
faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

R./ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL - Gospel John 20:19-23

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the
doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of
the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said
to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he
showed them his hands and his side. The disciples re-
joiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again,
"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send
you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them
and said to them,

"Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are
forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - "*Holy, Holy, Holys*"

OUR FATHER - Mass book page 95

COMMUNION HYMN - "*Hail Mary, Gentle Woman*"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "*One Spirit, One Church*"

Mass Book page 63

READING I - Acts 2:1-11

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were
all in one place together. And suddenly there came
from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it
filled the entire house in which they were. Then there
appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and
came to rest on each one of them. And they were all
filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in differ-
ent tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under
heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gath-
ered in a large crowd, but they were confused because
each one heard them speaking in his own language.
They were astounded, and in amazement they asked,
"Are not all these people who are speaking Galile-
ans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native
language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites,
inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia,
Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the
districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from
Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and
Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues
of the mighty acts of God."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

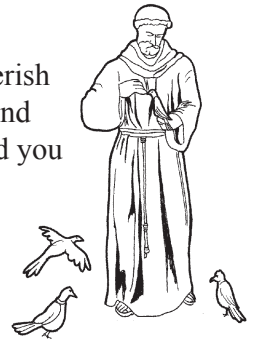
***R. Lord, send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.***

Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD, my God, you
are great indeed! How manifold are your works, O
LORD! the earth is full of your creatures;

***R. Lord, send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.***

May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the
LORD be glad in his works! Pleasing to him be my
theme; I will be glad in the LORD.

***R. Lord, send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.***



St. Francis Weekly "Faith Renewed"

PENTECOST OR WHIT SUNDAY

Our Lord Jesus Christ, being seated on the right hand of God, sent, as He had promised, the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, who, after His ascension, continued in prayer at Jerusalem, in company with the Blessed Virgin, awaiting the performance of His promise. Let us pray: "Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and kindle in them the fire of Thy love."

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

God, our Father, pour out the gifts of your Holy Spirit on the world. You sent the Spirit on your Church to begin the teaching of the Gospel: Now let the Spirit continue the work in the world through the hearts of all who believe. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HIS WORDS - HOLY SPIRIT

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever - the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it -neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you." —John 14:16-17

ST. BERNARDINO OF SIENA (1380-1444)

His feast day is May 20th. St. Bernardino of Siena was born in Massa Marittima, Italy, in 1380 to a noble and wealthy family - his father was the governor of the town. Orphaned at the age of seven, Bernardino was raised by his aunt and her daughter. At the age of eleven, he was sent to be educated in Siena, and his intelligence and good disposition won him many friends. He joined the Confraternity of our Lady at the age of seventeen. In 1400 a plague struck Siena and Bernardino volunteered to help manage the hospital of Santa Maria della Scala. With the help of companions, he made sure that the sick were taken care of. Several of his companions died, and Bernardino was overcome by fever. In 1403, he entered the Franciscans and was ordained. He spent the next several years in solitude and reflection at the convent of Colombaio outside Siena. In 1417, he began to preach with increasing success throughout all of Italy. The crowds were so great that he often preached in village squares instead of churches. Pope Martin V offered him the bishopric of Siena in 1427, but Bernardino declined. He would later decline the bishoprics of Ferrara and Urbino. In 1430, he



became the vicar general of the Friars of the Strict Observance. In 1422, he resigned this office in order to continue his missionary work. Bernardino was devoted to the Holy Name of Jesus and inspired those to whom he spoke with a similar love. The Italy of his time was divided into many political factions, with each proclaiming its particular affiliation in signs and banners. Bernardino made people recall their common faith in Christ, which was more important than any other allegiance. Worn out from his labors, he died in Aquila on his way to preach in Naples on May 20, 1444. His prayer: Lord, we sing and bless your name. Before all peoples and at all times we remember you, for we bear the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

HAIL MARY

The month of May is traditionally called the month of Mary in our Catholic tradition. Let us pray: Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with Thee: blessed art Thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of Thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us, sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

In 1858, four years after the Immaculate Conception was proclaimed a dogma of Faith, Our Lady appeared to Bernadette Soubirous in the Grotto, Lourdes, France. Some say that this started the modern Age of Mary. She appeared as the "Lady in White", prayed the rosary with Bernadette and in conversations with Bernadette repeated what her Son called for when he walked the earth: prayers, penance, conversion of sinners; and said her name: "I am the Immaculate Conception." Since then,

Lourdes has been a spiritual dynamo radiating holiness and goodness throughout the world. Thousands benefit every year from a pilgrimage to Lourdes. Many were cured of various illnesses right there in Lourdes. The daily caring of the sick by charitable volunteers is in itself a miracle. Bernadette herself was canonized in 1933. A prayer to Our Lady, Beloved Mother of God, we thank you for your coming to Lourdes. In our hearts it is a sign that you and all of heaven are not far from us. You showed your face to the little girl at Lourdes 150 years ago. Our remembrance of this lifts us up when we are dejected or dismayed. In faith we know that your Son and you will be with us until the end of the world. Amen.

If you have any words of wisdom, a favorite poem, a cute or religious story that you would like to share in our Weekly Bulletin, please e-mail Joni at joancapitano@aol.com. Of course, you can always just give me the hard copy (original or a photocopy) and I can scan it for publication.

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