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May 18, 2014 ~ 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 6:1-7

As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit, also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them. The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly; even a large group of priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

**R/ Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

Exult, you just, in the LORD; praise from the upright is fitting. Give thanks to the LORD on the harp; with the ten-stringed lyre chant his praises.

**R/ Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

Upright is the word of the LORD, and all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

**R/ Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness, To deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine.

**R/ Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

READING 2 - 1 Peter 2:4-9

Beloved: Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual

house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it says in Scripture: Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion, a cornerstone, chosen and precious, and whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame. Therefore, its value is for you who have faith, but for those without faith: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, and A stone that will make people stumble, and a rock that will make them fall. They stumble by disobeying the word, as is their destiny.

You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

GOSPEL - John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father." This is the gospel of the Lord.

R/ Thanks be to God.

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Christ Is Risen"

COMMUNION HYMN - "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman"

RECESSIONAL - "Prayer of St. Francis"



"Have patience with all things,
But, first of all with yourself."

— Saint Francis de Sales
shared by Ann Klein

"It was pride that
changed angels into devils;
it is humility that
makes men as angels."

— Saint Augustine
shared by Ann Klein

SAVE THE 2014 DATES

June 28 & 29 - YARD SALE at ST. FRANCIS
(please note new date) Bring in items we can sell.
One person's trash is another person's treasure.
(Thank you Monika for offering to run this.)

June 7th - EM PRIDE DAY - 10 am - 1 pm

June 22nd - MARY ZARADICH Confirmation

MARY ... QUEEN OF THE ROSARY

You who love the rosary, can make it a more powerful and effective prayer to God. Just as our Lady did, you also can ponder the rosary mysteries in your heart. You will thus make them part of your outlook, being, and life. The rosary is a wonderful as well as a traditional prayer form.

The rosary engages your whole person. Your fingers tell the beads, your lips repeat the prayers, your mind reflects each mystery, and your heart responds to its message. The rosary employs repetition, an essential element in the language of love. As a result, you identify with our Lord and His Blessed Mother by applying their saving deeds to your own life with its joys, sorrows and glories. Know that it is better to pray one rosary mystery well than to say many decades absent-mindedly. God's Peace to ALL!

Our traditional month of May honor to Our Blessed Mother continues, with the Litany, during Sunday Mass.

BLESSINGS...Charles Swindoll

God is in no hurry. We tend to think that if God is really engaged, He will change things within the next hour or so. Certainly by sundown. Absolutely by the end of the week. But God is not a slave to the human clock. Compared to the works of mankind, He is extremely deliberate and painfully slow. As religious poet George Herbert wisely penned, "God's mill grinds slow, but sure."

"And now, Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in You."
—Psalm 39:7

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY... Henri Nouwen JESUS IS POOR

Jesus, the Blessed One, is poor. The poverty of Jesus is much more than an economic or social poverty. Jesus is poor because he freely chose powerlessness over power, vulnerability over defensiveness, dependency over self-sufficiency. As the great "Song of Christ" so beautifully expresses: "He...did not count equality with God something to be grasped. But he emptied himself ...becoming as human beings are" (Philippians 2:6-7). This is the poverty of spirit that Jesus chose to live. Jesus calls us who are blessed as he is to live our lives with that same poverty.

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS ...

Helen Steiner Rice

A WONDERFUL THING

God's love endureth forever - what a wonderful thing to know when the tides of life run against you and your spirit is downcast and low.

"For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord."

—Psalm 117:2

Today let God's steadfast love assist you in improving your outlook on life!

WE WELCOMED

DOROTHY & DIANE to our humble Parish last Sunday. They are new EM neighbors, and we hope to see them again soon.

CELEBRATE EASTER SEASON-2014!

