



# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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## *Solemnity of the Holy Trinity - May 22, 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"

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READING I - Prv 8:22-31

Thus says the wisdom of God: "The LORD possessed me, the beginning of his ways, the forerunner of his prodigies of long ago; from of old I was poured forth, at the first, before the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no fountains or springs of water; before the mountains were settled into place, before the hills, I was brought forth; while as yet the earth and fields were not made, nor the first clouds of the world.

"When the Lord established the heavens I was here, when he marked out the vault over the face of the deep; when he made firm the skies above, when he fixed fast the foundations of the earth; when he set for the sea its limit, so that the waters should not transgress his command; then was I beside him as his craftsman, and I was his delight day by day, playing before him all the while, playing on the surface of his earth; and I found delight in the human race."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R. O Lord, our God,

*how wonderful your name in all the earth!*

When I behold your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you set in place —

What is man that you should be mindful of him, or the son of man that you should care for him?

R. O Lord, our God,

*how wonderful your name in all the earth!*

You have made him little less than the angels and crowned him with glory and honor. You given him rule over the works of your hands, putting all things under his feet:

R. O Lord, our God,

*how wonderful your name in all the earth!*

All sheep and oxen, yes, and the beasts of the field, The birds of the air, the fishes of the sea, and whatever swims the paths of the seas.

R. O Lord, our God,

*how wonderful your name in all the earth!*

READING II - Rom 5:1-5

Brothers and sisters: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

R./ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest/Lector: Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

R./ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL - Gospel John 16:12-15

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you."

... is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

FFERTORY HYMN - "Come Holy Ghost"

OUR FATHER - Mass book page 95

COMMUNION HYMN -

*'One Bread, One Body'*

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Sanctuary"



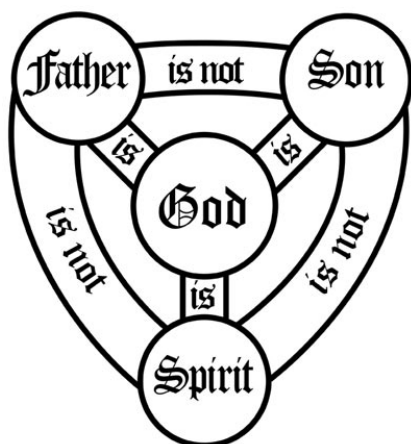


## FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY

"Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen." As soon as we have celebrated the advent of the Holy Spirit, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Trinity. The place is well chosen, for immediately after the descent of the Divine Spirit, began the preaching and belief and through baptism, faith and confession, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

## THE TRINITY IS A MYSTERY OF OUR FAITH

But what does that mean? "...real mystery is that which invites and allures us into fuller participation, all the while exceeding our want to grasp it, hold on to it, contain it. Indeed, in much the same way, human love is a mystery. We are invited, at times allured by another. Something in us is touched, moved, drawn by the other. The closer we come, and the more we grow in love, the clearer



it becomes that the beloved cannot be tied down, grasped, defined once and for all...

In this sense the Trinity is mystery... it is not so much that we grasp the mystery but that we open ourselves so as to be grasped by it..." God is love." God's word is spoken; God's Spirit is poured forth. The life and love of God are not past tense, not present, ecstatic, alive, outreaching, gifting, here and now."

## IN REFLECTION

Reflect on the mystery of human love in our life...being "moved, drawn by the other"...

## BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY

**Henri Nouwen  
EMPOWERED**

### TO CALL GOD "ABBA"

Calling God "Abba, Father" is different from giving God a familiar name. Calling God "Abba" is entering into the same intimate, fearless, trusting, and empowered relationship with God that Jesus had. This relationship is called Spirit, and this Spirit is given to us by Jesus and enables us to cry out with him, "Abba, Father."

Calling God "Abba, Father" (see Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:6) is a cry of the heart, a prayer welling up from our innermost beings. It has nothing to do with naming God out everything to do with claiming God as the source of who we are. This claim does not come from any sudden insight or acquired conviction; it is the claim that the Spirit of Jesus makes in communion with our spirits. It is the claim of love.

## NATURE'S POWER

We welcome any gift from your garden, a single flower or bouquet. Adorn our altars, as nature's beauty has much power for our souls and spirit. Vases are provided for your use. God's Blessings!

## HIS WORDS - PRAYER

"Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him." Matthew 6:8

## DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know the expression, "What would Jesus do?" comes from? The expression actually comes from a classic novel written by Charles M. Sheldon, called *In His Steps*. Charles Sheldon, was an American clergyman, in the late 1800's and early 1900's, he held his pastorate position in Vermont and Kansas. He wrote for the Christian Herald, as well authored more than 50 books. The novel is the story of a church pledge to consider, "what would Jesus do?" before every decision that is made. This congregation pledged for an entire year not to do anything without first asking the question. For some following in Jesus's steps brought great joy, while for others it caused misunderstanding, conflict, and suffering. But for all it meant an entire dedication of talent, money, and life's work. What would happen to us, in reality, if we all adopted this philosophy? If we were to try to see everything through Jesus's eyes, the world would be a much nicer place. If we were to think as Jesus thought, people would be kind to one another, there would be no war, there would be no homelessness and the world would be filled with indifference to the plight of our neighbor. Take the challenge for yourself. It will make a difference in your life and the lives of those you touch!

## ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS

**Helen Steiner Rice - SUCCESS**

Success is a mixture of good, hard work, good humor, good luck, and good sense, and the little tasks of each day, well done, will bring their own recompense.

"Surely you will reward each person according to what he has done."

—Psalm 62:12

Today call to mind that old admonition, "The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary."