



## May 3, 2015 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

**R/. Na wieki, wiekow Amen.**

Let Jesus Christ be praised.

**R/. Now and forever. Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN -  
"Christ Is Risen"

9:00 AM - CONTEMPORARY  
RITE - Mass Book pg 63

READING I - Acts 9:26-31

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus.\

The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 22; 26-27. 28. 30. 31-32

**R/ I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the Lord. The lowly shall eat their fill; They who seek the Lord shall praise him: "May your hearts be ever merry!"

**R/ I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; All the families of the nations shall bow down before him. To him alone shall bow down all who sleep in the earth; Before him shall bend all who go down into the dust.

**R/ I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

And to him my soul shall live; my descendants shall serve him. Let the coming generation be told of the Lord that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born the justice he has shown.

**R/ I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

READING II - I John 3:18-24

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

**Priest or Lector: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**R/Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Priest or Lector:** Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit.

**R./ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL - John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine and my Father is the vine grower. He prunes away every barren branch, but the fruitful ones he trims clean to increase their yield. You are clean already, thanks to the word I have spoken to you. Live on in me, as I do in you. No more than a branch can bear fruit of itself apart from the vine, can you bear fruit apart from me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who lives in me and I in him, will produce abundantly, for apart from me you can do nothing. A man who does not live in me is like a withered, rejected branch, picked up to be thrown in the fire and burnt. If you live in me, and my words stay part of you, you may ask what you will—it will be done for you. My Father has been glorified in your bearing much fruit and becoming my disciples. This is the gospel of the Lord.

**R./ Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

*Devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary replace the homily at all Sunday Masses in May.*

GENERAL CONCESSIONS

OFFERTORY HYMN - "O'er Death Victorious"

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COMMUNION HYMN - "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "The Servant Song"

# St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

## UPCOMING EVENT DATES

**May 16, 2015**

Seniorate Meeting, Passaic, NJ - Fr. Andrew to go

**May 31, 2015 - 10 a.m.**

St. Francis Healing Mass - All are invited!

**June 3, 2015 - time?**

Board of Appeals hearing regarding the Mosque at Hempstead Town Hall - all who can should come.

**June 14, 2015 - 4 p.m.**

Adam Koterba's First Holy Communion

**Saturday, October 3, 2015**

Blessing of the Animals

**Sunday, December 5, 2015**

Christmas Fund-raiser Dinner

## **MARY... "MOTHER OF GOD"**

Learning how to be a good parent is one of life's most difficult jobs. It is also one of the most important. How, then, might a woman approach this role if she knew she would be the mother of God? We can only marvel at how that young Nazarene girl, destined for divine motherhood, accomplished what must have been for her the most difficult and important of jobs. Yet she did it with purity, humility, and obedience.

The mother of Jesus is known by countless names and titles, but perhaps the most beautiful is Mother of God (Greek: Theotokos or God-bearer). She is also the mother of all saints. Revered all over the world, Mary embodies the most majestic and perfect image of womanhood. She is called by some the second "Eve" and the spiritual mother of all.

While mothers and the motherless alike seek her merciful compassion and loving comfort, other believers are attracted to Mary because of countless miracles attributed to her throughout time and in many different places in the world. These faithful make pilgrimages, sometimes even risking their own lives, to seek the intercession of the Mother of God on their behalf for healing, protection, support in their endeavors, strength, relief from suffering, help with afflictions, and solace from grief. For how could our Lord refuse a petition from his mother, our mother?

During this month of May we will honor Mary, through Devotions and Litany, after Sunday Mass. Come, Hail Mary! Christ through Mary ... Pray for Us,!

## **BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY ... Henri Nouwen HOLDING THE CUP**

We all must hold the cups of our lives. As we grow older and become more fully aware of the many sorrows of life - personal failures, family conflicts, disappointments in work and social life, and the many pains surrounding us on the national and international scene - everything within and around us conspires to make us ignore, avoid, suppress, or simply deny these sorrows. "Look at the sunny side of life and make the best of it," we say to ourselves and hear others say to us. But when we want to drink the cups of our lives, we need first to hold them, to fully acknowledge what we are living, trusting that by not avoiding but befriending our sorrows we will discover the true joy we are looking for right in the midst of our sorrows.

## **ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS...Helen Steiner Rice A MOTHER'S LOVE**

When we think of our mothers, we draw nearer to God above, for only God in His greatness could fashion a mother's love.

"My son, Keep your father's commands and do not forsake, your mother's teaching." Proverbs 6:20

Today pay tribute to your mother. Her love touched your life and will continue to influence you forever!

## **WHERE IS GOD?**

A couple had two little boys, ages 8 and 10, who were excessively mischievous. The two were always getting into trouble and their parents could be assured that if any mischief occurred in their town their two young sons were in some way involved. The parents were at their wits' end as to what to do about their sons' behavior.

The mother had heard that a clergyman in town had been successful in disciplining children in the past, so she asked her husband if he thought they should send the boys to speak with the clergyman. The husband, said, "we might as well. We need to do something before I really lose my temper!" The clergyman agreed to speak with the boys, but asked to see them individually.

The 8-year old went to meet with him first. The clergyman sat the boy down and asked him sternly, "Where is God?"

The boy made no response, so the clergyman repeated the question in an even sterner tone, "Where is God?"

Again the boy made no attempt to answer. So the clergyman raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face, "WHERE IS GOD?"

At that the boy bolted from the room and ran straight home, slamming himself in the closet. His older brother followed him into the closet and said, "What happened?"

The younger brother replied, "We are in BIG trouble this time. God is missing and they think we did it."

—J. John and Mark Stibbe