

# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER, MOTHER'S DAY  
May 9, 2010



ENTRANCE HYMN -  
"Come Ye Faithful"

READING I - Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Some who had come down from

Judea were instructing the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the Mosaic practice, you cannot be saved." Because there arose no little dissension and debate by Paul and Barnabas with them, it was decided that Paul, Barnabas, and some of the others should go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders

about this question. The apostles and elders, in agreement with the whole church, decided to choose representatives and to send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas.

The ones chosen were Judas, who was called Barsabbas, and Silas, leaders among the brothers. This is the letter delivered by them: "The apostles and the elders, your brothers, to the brothers in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia of Gentile origin: greetings. Since we have heard that some of our number who went out without any mandate from us have upset you with their teachings and disturbed your peace of mind, we have with one accord decided to choose representatives and to send them to you along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. So we are sending Judas and Silas who will also convey this same message by word of mouth: 'It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities, namely, to abstain from meat sacrificed to idols, from blood, from meats of strangled animals, and from unlawful marriage. If you keep free of these, you will be doing what is right. Farewell.'"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

May God have pity on us and bless us; may he let his face shine upon us. So may your way be known upon earth; among all nations, your salvation.

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

May the nations be glad and exult because you rule the peoples in equity; the nations on the earth you guide.

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you! May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear him!

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READING II - Rev 21:10-14, 22-23

The angel took me in spirit to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It gleamed with the splendor of God. Its radiance was like that of a precious stone, like jasper, clear as crystal. It had a massive, high wall, with twelve gates where twelve angels were stationed and on which names were inscribed, the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites. There were three gates facing east, three north, three south, and three west. The wall of the city had twelve courses of stones as its foundation, on which were inscribed the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw no temple in the city for its temple is the Lord God almighty and the Lamb. The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb.

R./ Alleluia. VERSE. R./ Alleluia.

GOSPEL - Jn 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me. "I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I will come back to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe." *This is the gospel of the Lord.*

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

GENERAL CONCESSIONS: God,  
Hear Us!

OFFERTORY HYMN -

"Come Rejoice, Our Lord Is Risen"

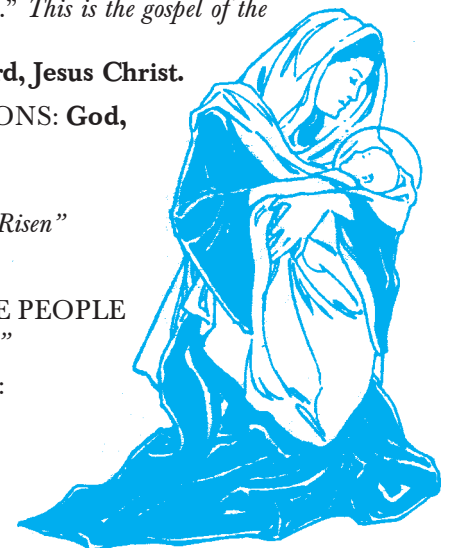
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COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

- "Hail Mary, Gentlewoman"

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

"Christ Is Risen"



## St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

### + MARY, MOTHER OF GOD +

The month of May, in our Catholic tradition, remains devoted to Mary. Today we will crown the statue of the Blessed Mother, with a floral wreath, in honor and prayer. Please join this month in this prayerful devotion and litany to our Holy Mother...Christ through Mary... Pray for Us!

### THE HAIL MARY PRAYER

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee: Blessed art thou among women, and blessed in the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

### ST. MATTHIAS (first century) May 14

According to the Acts of the Apostles, St. Matthias was chosen to replace Judas Iscariot as one of the twelve apostles after the resurrection of Jesus. Two men, Barsabbas and Matthias, were proposed, but only one was selected. A companion of Christ during his public ministry, Matthias was among the seventy-two disciples whom Jesus sent out to preach. He was also a witness to Christ's resurrection.

Tradition says that he preached the Gospel in Judea, Cappadocia, and near the Caspian Sea. He suffered martyrdom by crucifixion at Colchis.

### BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY...Henri Nouwen THE CUP OF LIFE

When the mother of James and John asks Jesus to give her sons a special place in his Kingdom, Jesus responds, "Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink?" (Matthew 20:22). "Can we drink the cup?" is the most challenging and radical question we can ask ourselves. The cup is the cup of life, full of sorrows and joys. Can we hold our cups and claim them as our own? Can we lift our cups to offer blessings to others, and can we drink our cups to the bottom as cups that bring us salvation? Keeping this question alive in us is one of the most demanding spiritual exercises we can practice.



### ST. FRANCIS NOTES ...

#### \* THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, Thursday, May 13...

This feast day will be celebrated next Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

\* **MOTHER'S DAY, SUNDAY, MAY 9...** On this special day we pay tribute to our mothers, living and deceased. They are the givers of life and have nurtured us in faith. May they be ever blessed and held in God's loving care. Amen...All are invited to join in our Mother's Day breakfast, after Mass, in the Parish Hall. God Bless All!

#### \* **BIG HEARTY, ST. FRANCIS SINCERE WELCOME** to our

newest parishioner, Anne Klein. May your days at St. Francis be healthy, peaceful and blessed!

\* **GOOD STEWARDSHIP** continues here at St. Francis, the giving of time, talent and treasure in so many ways, helps keep this parish on the journey. Thank you again to all known and unknown for your kindness!

### ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS

#### ... Helen Steiner Rice CONSTANT REMINDERS

The sky and the stars, the waves and the sea, the dew on the grass, the leaves on a tree are constant reminders of God and His nearness, proclaiming His presence with crystal-like clearness. 'Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars.' —Psalm 148:3 Today the marvels of God's creations will amaze and astound you. Share with a child the thrill of a glorious sunrise, a dazzling sunset, or a spectacular starry sky!

