

ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN - *"Hymn of Faith"*

READING I - [2 Sm 12:7-10, 13](#)

Nathan said to David: "Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'I anointed you king of Israel. I rescued you from the hand of Saul. I gave you your lord's house and your lord's wives for your own. I gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if this were not enough, I could count up for you still more. Why have you spurned the Lord and done evil in his sight? You have cut down Uriah the Hittite with the sword; you took his wife as your own, and him you killed with the sword of the Ammonites. Now, therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah to be your wife.' Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." Nathan answered David: "The LORD on his part has forgiven your sin: you shall not die."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - [Ps 32:1-2, 5, 7, 11](#)

R. Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

Blessed is the one whose fault is taken away, whose sin is covered. Blessed the man to whom the LORD imputes not guilt, in whose spirit there is no guile.

R. Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

I acknowledged my sin to you, my guilt I covered not.

I said, "I confess my faults to the LORD,"

and you took away the guilt of my sin.

R. Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

You are my shelter; from distress you will preserve me; with glad cries of freedom you will ring me round.

R. Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you just; exult, all you upright of heart.

R. Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

READING II - [Gal 2:16, 19-21](#)

Brothers and sisters: We who know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. For through the law I died to the law, that I might live for God. I have been crucified with Christ; yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me; insofar as I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who has loved me and given himself up for me. I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

Priest or Cantor: Alleluia (3x)

R/. Alleluia (3x). Verse R/. Alleluia (3x).

GOSPEL - [Lk 7:36-8:3](#) or [7:36-50](#)

A Pharisee invited Jesus to dine with him, and he entered the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. Now there was a sinful woman in the city who learned that he was at table in the house of the Pharisee. Bringing an alabaster flask of ointment, she stood behind him at his feet weeping and began to bathe his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them, and anointed them with the ointment.

When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner." Jesus said to him in reply, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Tell me, teacher," he said.

"Two people were in debt to a certain creditor; one owed five hundred days' wages and the other owed fifty. Since they were unable to repay the debt, he forgave it for both. Which of them will love him more?" Simon said in reply, "The one, I suppose, whose larger debt was forgiven." He said to him, "You have judged rightly."

Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon,

"Do you see this woman? When I entered your house, you did not give me water for my feet, but she has bathed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but she has not ceased kissing my feet since the time I entered. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she anointed my feet with ointment. So I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven because she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little."

He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." The others at table said to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

But he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." Afterward he journeyed from one town and village to another, preaching and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. Accompanying him were the Twelve and some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, Susanna, and many others who provided for them out of their resources. This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

GENERAL CONCESSIONS: **God, Hear Us!**

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

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COMMUNION - *"On Eagle's Wings"*

RECESSIONAL HYMN - *"Prayer of St. Francis"*

St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA (1195-1231) June 13

St. Anthony of Padua was born at Lisbon, Portugal, in 1195. His surname comes from the Italian city where he lived the latter part of his life. His parents were members of the Portuguese nobility; his father was a knight at the court of King Alfonso II.

His early education took place at the cathedral of Lisbon. At the age of fifteen, he joined the Regular Canons of St. Augustine and was transferred to the monastery at Coimbra two years later because of distractions caused by his friends' visits. At the monastery, Anthony devoted himself to prayer and study and became a learned scholar of the Bible.

In 1220, Don Pedro of Portugal brought the relics of Franciscans who had been martyred to Coimbra. This had a tremendous effect on Anthony, who requested admission to the Franciscans. In 1221, he was accepted. Soon after, he set out for Morocco to preach the Gospel to the Moors. On the way to Morocco, he was forced to return to Europe because of illness. On his return home, a storm drove his ship to the shores of Italy, where he would live the rest of his life.

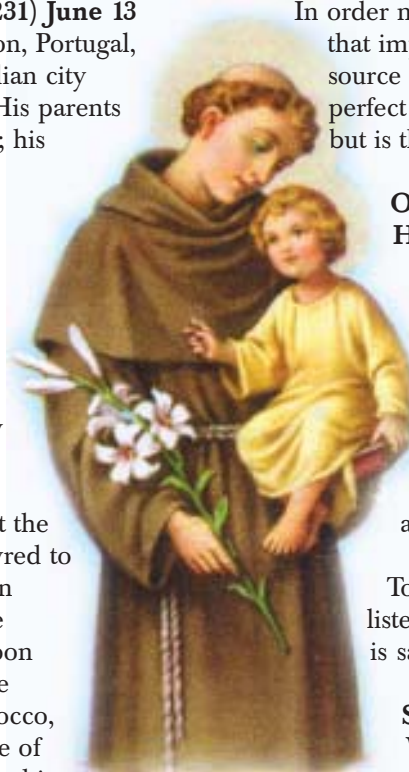
Upon his return, Anthony went to Assisi, where the general chapter meeting of 1221 took place. At the meeting, he was assigned to the hermitage of San Paolo near Forli. It was in Forli that he gave a great sermon which propelled him into his calling as a preacher.

A gifted preacher, Anthony was also called upon to teach theology to his fellow Franciscans. He was the first member of the Franciscans to be so honored. Anthony drew large crowds wherever he went in Italy, but his greatest success was in Padua where the entire city flocked to hear his word and welcome him as another St. Francis.

After the death of St. Francis, Anthony became the minister provincial of Emilia or Romagna. In 1226, he was elected as the envoy from the general chapter to Pope Gregory IX. Soon after, he was released from this duty so he could continue his preaching. He returned to Padua, where he preached until his death. Anthony died on June 13, 1231 at the age of thirty-six.

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY...Henri Nouwen THE SOURCE OF ALL LOVE

Without the love of our parents, sisters, brothers, spouses, lovers, and friends, we cannot live. Without love we die. Still, for many people this love comes in a very broken and limited way. It can be tainted by power plays, jealousy, resentment, vindictiveness, and even abuse. No human love is the perfect love our hearts desire, and sometimes human love is so imperfect that we can hardly recognize it as love.



In order not to be destroyed by the wounds inflicted by that imperfect human love, we must trust that the source of all love is God's unlimited, unconditional, perfect love, and that this love is not far away from us but is the gift of God's Spirit dwelling within us.

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS...

Helen Steiner Rice

SUMMER BRIGHTNESS

Put the summer brightness in our closed, unseeing eyes, so in the careworn faces that we pass, we'll recognize the heartbreak and the loneliness, the trouble and despair that a word of understanding would make easier to bear.

'May your unfailing love be my comfort, according to your promise to your servant.'

—Psalm 119:76

Today emphasize being a good listener. Really listen, hear, and comprehend what the other person is saying!

SEEING CHRIST IN ANOTHER ...

We know that St. Francis and St. Anthony enjoyed much in common. The speed with which each was hailed a saint, being one. Francis canonized just two years after his death ... Anthony, canonized just one year after his death. And each, in his own way, practiced faith-filled listening, the gift of the Holy Spirit. To keep listening, in prayer, until one day God's "answer" would be a help in learning and doing the will of God. For both men, the "answer" they awaited and listened for so intently proved to be the face of Christ shining forth from someone else. We too need to learn and practice the skill of finding the face of Jesus in others. Even those we do not know or even care to know. In that way, like Francis and Anthony, we become instruments of God. We learn to do God's will, not our own. As we say "yes" to God, as we learn to see Christ in our brothers, sisters, neighbors, so does the Holy Spirit help us to be the Gospel to people and places of our own time!

ST. FRANCIS NOTES ...

***FLAG DAY, Monday, June 14th.** It is the anniversary of the date in 1777, when the U.S. flag was adopted. Take time and fly and honor your flag!

***A GOOD WORD ...** "Poverty is true riches. So precious is poverty that God's only-begotten Son came to earth in search of it. In heaven he had a superabundance of all goods. Nothing was lacking there but poverty." - St. Anthony of Padua

***THANK YOU!** to all who helped us this Saturday at the East Meadow Pride Day in Speno Park. Helping in support and promotion of our Parish of St. Francis. St. Francis Pray for Us! God Bless Us!