



ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday, June 17, 2012

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 - Ez 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord GOD: I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar, from its topmost branches tear off a tender shoot, and plant it on a high and lofty mountain; on the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it. It shall put forth branches and bear fruit, and become a majestic cedar. Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it, every winged thing in the shade of its boughs. And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom. As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praise to your name, Most High,
To proclaim your kindness at dawn
and your faithfulness throughout the night.

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

The just one shall flourish like the palm tree,
like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow.
They that are planted in the house of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts of our God.

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

They shall bear fruit even in old age;
vigorous and sturdy shall they be,
Declaring how just is the LORD,
my rock, in whom there is no wrong.

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

READING 2 - 2 Cor 5:6-10

Brothers and sisters: We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Verse.

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL - Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds: "This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he yields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come."

He said, "To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private. This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - *"Just As I Am"*

COMMUNION HYMNS - *"One Bread, One Body"*

RECESSIONAL HYMN - *"How Great Thou Art"*

St. Francis Weekly "Kompasitions"

ST. FRANCIS NOTES ...

- **GARAGE SALE!** St. Francis is scheduled to hold a Garage Sale (fund-raiser) in late August. This event may be cancelled as Jiselle will not be able to help Monika prepare as she had originally anticipated. Congratulations to Jiselle, who fortunately, got a promotion at work. Unfortunately, it will mean she will not be able to help with the yard sale. We have been collecting items for this sale. Maybe you can help Monika prepare the last weekend in August??? If not we'll have to cancel the event. Please let Monika or Father Andrew know ASAP.
- **A HUGE THANK YOU...** to Joe Glovack who generously donated enough money to fully cover the cost of our brand new table cart. It makes life so much easier to be able to wheel the tables around. The cart fits perfectly under the work table in our kitchen. Again, we extend a big thank you to Joe! He's the man!!

UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS for 2012

June 24	In memory of Frances Parisi, John J. Smith, Anne Kostynick and Betty Withington offered by Joni & John Blenn
July 1	In memory of Bart Delaney, Laura Dunn, Tom Sabatino, Bernadette Beante and Joe McDonald offered by Joni & John Blenn
July 15	In memory of Margaret & Baxter Steiger offered by Carol & Ron Thomas

Thank You!!

St. Francis Parish sincerely thanks those individuals listed above who donated needed items for our humble church.

MARK THE DATES!

- Saturday & Sunday, August 25 & 26, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**
Garage / Yard Sale
- Saturday, October 6, 1 p.m.**
Blessing of the Animals. Bring your pets.
- Sunday, October 14, 3 p.m.**
St. Francis Fall Fund-raiser Dinner
All are welcome. Ask how you can help.
- Sunday, October 21, 9 a.m.**
Thomas & Lorraine Kompa's 25th Anniversary
Renewal of Marriage Vows
- Sunday, December 2, 3 p.m.**
St. Nicholas Fund-raiser Dinner
All are welcome. Ask how you can help.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Ever so innocently, we've let our English language distort the meaning of the word church. Sometimes, that word means a place (as in "I left my Bible at church"). Other times, it refers to an activity (as in "What time does church start?"). Often church is used to describe an institution (as in "His behavior was frowned upon by the church"). While such definitions are appropriate, they miss the meaning of what church is all about.

The essence of church is your Christian family - those people around the world who follow Christ and commit themselves to Him and to each other. When the apostle Paul wrote about the church, he wasn't talking about a building, an activity, or an institution. For Paul, the expression of church meant a personal relationship among Christians. He most often compared the church to a human body.

In a body, all the parts and details are important, and they function in harmony: *If one member of the body is injured or sick, then the entire body suffers. *The members must operate in unison, because if they try to go in opposite directions, they won't get anywhere. *Some members are more visible, while others play a vital role on the inside. But both types are necessary. There are no small parts in the body of Christ. *If every member were the same, the body would look really weird, and it wouldn't function very well. (Just imagine a five-foot, eight-inch ear. Oh sure, you would have excellent hearing, but try driving a car that way.)

The next time you go to church, don't look at the building or think about the schedule of events. Instead, look at the people. Appreciate them for who they are, what they need, and what they contribute to the "body". Then think about yourself. What is your role in the church? How do you fit in the body? Are you making a contribution to the over-all health and fitness of the body?

Being part of the church means a lot more than just attending a service on Sunday morning, tossing a few coins in the basket, and shaking the pastor's hand on the way out. Being part of the church involves an interactive relationship between people with Christ as their common bond with that definition, you Can't "walk out of the church" on Sunday morning. You are part of the body all week long!

