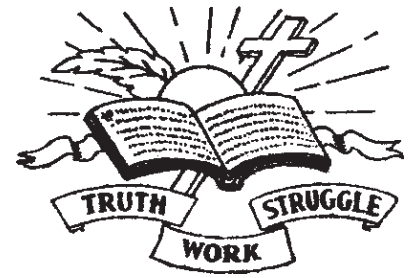


ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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June 20, 2010 - Twelfth 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.

ENTRANCE HYMN - *"Hymn of Faith"*

READING I - [Zec 12:10-11; 13:1](#)

Thus says the LORD:

I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and petition; and they shall look on him whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him as one mourns for an only son, and they shall grieve over him as one grieves over a firstborn. On that day the mourning in Jerusalem shall be as great as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the plain of Megiddo. On that day there shall be open to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, a fountain to purify from sin and uncleanness. "

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - [Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9](#)

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God whom I seek;
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary
to see your power and your glory,
For your kindness is a greater good than life;
my lips shall glorify you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands,
I will call upon your name. As with the riches of a
banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant
lips my mouth shall praise you.

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O
Lord my God.**

You are my help, and in the shadow
of your wings I shout for joy.
My soul clings fast to you; your right
hand upholds me.

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O
Lord my God.**



READING II - [Gal 3:26-29](#)

Brothers and sisters:

Through faith you are all children of God in Christ Jesus.
For all of you who were baptized into Christ
have clothed yourselves with Christ.

There is neither Jew nor Greek,
there is neither slave nor free person,
there is not male and female;
for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

And if you belong to Christ,
then you are Abraham's descendant,
heirs according to the promise.

Priest or Cantor: Alleluia (3x)

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

GOSPEL - [Lk 9:18-24](#)

Once when Jesus was praying in solitude,
and the disciples were with him, he asked them,
"Who do the crowds say that I am?"

They said in reply, "John the Baptist;
others, Elijah; still others, 'One of the ancient prophets
has arisen.'" Then he said to them, "But who do you say
that I am?"

Peter said in reply, "The Christ of God."

He rebuked them and directed them not to tell this to
anyone.

He said, "The Son of Man must suffer greatly
and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the
scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised."

Then he said to all, "If anyone wishes to come after me,
he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and
follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it."

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"

THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST — June 24

The birthday of John the Baptist, six months before the birth of Jesus, has been celebrated on June 24 from the earliest days of the Church. Jesus himself called John, who prepared the way for him by his preaching, the greatest of men. A "voice in the desert," John, as the final prophet of the Old Testament, told the people of his time that their Lord was near.

The announcement of John's birth by the Angel Gabriel to Zachary, his father, was received with disbelief because Zachary's wife, Elizabeth, was beyond childbearing age. Yet the angel insisted, "You shall call his name John for he will be great before the Lord and filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb."

In the wastelands of Judea, people from all ranks of society - soldiers and priests, tax collectors and workers - came to hear John and their hearts were moved by his call to repent. Many were baptized by him in the River Jordan as a sign of their conversion; some remained to live with him as his disciples. His denunciation of King Herod's immoral conduct shocked the king's court, and John eventually suffered death for speaking truth to the powerful.

Jesus began his own mission by being baptized by John. Recognizing the Son of God, whose "sandals he was not worthy to untie," John said, "He must increase, and I must decrease." John's life prepared for Jesus who was eternal life.

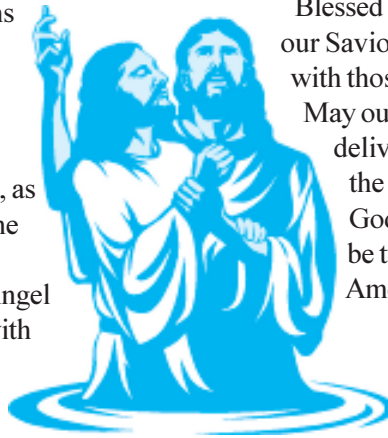
Early commentators never failed to note that after June 24, the feast of John the Baptist, the sun's light begins to decrease until December 25, the birth of Jesus, when the light of the sun increases again.

'Lord, may you increase your life within us!'

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY...Henri Nouwen RIGHT LIVING AND RIGHT SPEAKING

To be a witness for God is to be a living sign of God's presence in the world. What we live is more important than what we say, because the right way of living always leads to the right way of speaking. When we forgive our neighbors from our hearts, our hearts will speak forgiving words. When we are grateful, we will speak grateful words, and when we are hopeful and joyful, we will speak hopeful and joyful words.

When our words come too soon and we are not yet living what we are saying, we easily give double messages. Giving double messages - one with our words and another with our actions - makes us hypocrites. May our lives give us the right words, and may our words lead us to the right lives.



PRAYER TO SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Blessed Saint John, who fulfilled Scripture and baptized our Savior, pray for us who wish to share the word of God with those souls who have not yet come to him.

May our petitions be blessed by your loving heart and delivered to our Lord Jesus that we may speak with the power of the passion and devotion you felt for God while on earth. May those who hear our voice be turned from darkness toward the light of Christ. Amen.

THE STORY OF FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day formally preceded Mother's Day by four years. Its beginning is credited to Mrs. John Bruce Dodd of Spokane, Washington. She, along with her brothers and sisters, was raised by their father after her mother's death. At her suggestion, the Spokane Ministerial Association approved the proposal that the third Sunday in June be set aside for honoring fathers. It was first celebrated on June 19, 1910.

The rose is the official flower for Father's Day - red roses as a tribute to a living father, white ones for remembrance.

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS...Helen Steiner Rice REBOUNDED JOY

In making others happy we will be happy, too, for the happiness you give away returns to shine on you.

'Make your face shine upon your servant and teach me your decrees.' — Psalm 119:135

Today create happiness. Happiness is created, never just found by chance!

ST. FRANCIS NOTES...

* **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY:** Sunday, June 20. Today we honor and pray for our father's both living and deceased. Welcoming all to join us after Mass for our Father's Day breakfast.

* **PARISH MEETING:** After breakfast we hope to have a short parish meeting, noting several new ideas and projects. All are welcomed!

* **"THANK YOU"** to Fr. Andrew, Monika, Joni, Cheryl and Lorraine, helping in support and promotion of our St. Francis Parish on Saturday, June 12th at East Meadow Pride Day. Good efforts continue in many ways!

* **'A GOOD JOURNEY'** and prayers were wished and a flower bouquet was extended, last Sunday, to Mrs. Wieslawa Jarzynski, on behalf of the Parish. As a faithful visitor and helper to St. Francis Church. She returned to Poland on June 19th. God's care and blessings always!

* **SUMMER SOLSTICE:** Monday, June 21st - First day of Summer! To all, have a great summer season!