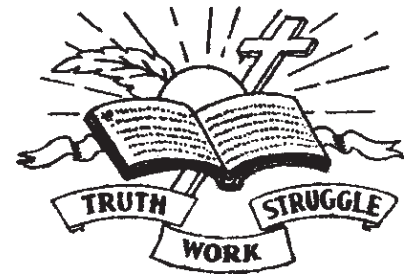


ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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 - [1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21](#)

The LORD said to Elijah: "You shall anoint Elisha, son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah, as prophet to succeed you."

Elijah set out and came upon Elisha, son of Shaphat, as he was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen;

he was following the twelfth. Elijah went over to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said,

"Please, let me kiss my father and mother goodbye, and I will follow you." Elijah answered, "Go back!

Have I done anything to you?"

Elisha left him, and taking the yoke of oxen, slaughtered them;

he used the plowing equipment for fuel to boil their flesh, and gave it to his people to eat.

Then Elisha left and followed Elijah as his attendant. salem, a fountain to purify from sin and uncleanness. "

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - [Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11](#)

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge;

I say to the LORD, "My Lord are you.

O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup, you it is who hold fast my lot."

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

I bless the LORD who counsels me;

even in the night my heart exhorts me.

I set the LORD ever before me;

with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices,

my body, too, abides in confidence

because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

You will show me the path to life,

fullness of joys in your presence,

the delights at your right hand forever.

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

READING II - [Gal 5:1, 13-18](#)

Brothers and sisters: For freedom Christ set us free;

so stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery. For you were called for freedom, brothers and

sisters.

But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather, serve one another through love.

For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement, namely, *You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*

But if you go on biting and devouring one another, beware that you are not consumed by one another.

I say, then: live by the Spirit

and you will certainly not gratify the desire of the flesh.

For the flesh has desires against the Spirit,

and the Spirit against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you may not do what you want.

But if you are guided by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Priest or Cantor: Alleluia (3x)

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

GOSPEL - [Lk 9:51-62](#)

When the days for Jesus' being taken up were fulfilled, he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem, and he sent messengers ahead of him.

On the way they entered a Samaritan village to prepare for his reception there, but they would not welcome him because the destination of his journey was Jerusalem.

When the disciples James and John saw this they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?"

Jesus turned and rebuked them, and they journeyed to another village.

As they were proceeding on their journey someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

Jesus answered him, "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head." And to another he said, "Follow me."

But he replied, "Lord, let me go first and bury my father."

But he answered him, "Let the dead bury their dead.

But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

And another said, "I will follow you, Lord,

but first let me say farewell to my family at home."

To him Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God."

This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - *"Sweet Hour of Prayer"*

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COMMUNION - *"Sing of the Lord's Goodness"*

RECESSIONAL HYMN - *"We Will Rise Again"*

St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL, (d.64), June 29

A feast honoring these two great saints has been celebrated by the Catholic Church since the third century. There is sound evidence that both Sts. Peter and Paul preached in the city of Rome and were martyred there under the Emperor Nero about the year 64.

SIMON, a fisherman on the Sea of Galilee, was one of the first whom Jesus called to follow him. Changing his name to Peter, "Rock," the Lord promised to build his Church on him and gave him power in heaven and on earth. A natural spokesman for the other disciples, Peter called Jesus "the Christ, the Son of the living God."

When Jesus was arrested, Peter denied him three times and afterwards wept bitterly over his enormous betrayal of the one he promised to die for. When he rose from the dead, Jesus asked Peter three times if he loved him and, hearing the disciple's simple answer, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you," gave him again a privileged place at his side. "Come, follow me."

Filled with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, Peter began to preach about Jesus Christ to the crowds in Jerusalem and Samaria and later made his way to Rome where he died a martyr's death as leader of that Church. Tradition says he died crucified head down, since he considered himself unworthy to die as his Lord had done.

SAUL OF TARSUS was a zealous Jew, a Pharisee, who after his dramatic conversion on the way to the city of Damascus became a fervent apostle of Jesus. After a three-year period in Arabia, where he assimilated his new faith, Paul journeyed to the cities of Damascus, Jerusalem, Antioch and then crisscrossed the cities of Asia Minor establishing communities of Christians among the gentiles. Because of his activity he suffered constant harassment from his enemies, enduring shipwreck, imprisonment, and beatings. At the same time he was greatly loved by those Christians to whom he ministered; Corinthians, Ephesians, Galatians, Romans. To them St. Paul wrote his powerful letters of consolation and instruction which the Church still reads today as inspired by God himself.

After imprisonment in Rome, he was beheaded along the Ostian Way where his burial place is still venerated. In his letter to Timothy he wrote, "The time has come for me to go. I have fought the good fight; I have run the race; I have kept the faith. Now I await the crown of justice which the Lord, the just judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but to all who long for his coming."



PRAYER TO SAINT PETER

O Blessed Saint Peter, who proclaimed to our Lord that "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God," and then denied him three times before the cock crowed, we appreciate those qualities that you possessed while in an earthly body. At times, doubt creeps into the lives of those of us who would also be leaders. You showed us by your example how to be human but also to be a bearer of light for the Holy Spirit. From your exalted place, pray with us and for us to our Lord Jesus that he might enable us to grow in moral character and leadership ability in order that we may better do his work on earth. Blessed Saint Peter, we seek your intercession for God's blessings that we may be worthy vessels to hold his love, never doubting his love for us. Amen.

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY...Henri Nouwen SPIRITUAL COURAGE

Courage is connected with taking risks. Jumping the Grand Canyon on a motorbike, coming over Niagara Falls in a barrel, or crossing the ocean in a rowboat are called courageous acts because people risk their lives by doing these things. But none of these dare-devil acts comes from the center of our being. They all come from the desire to test our physical limits and to become famous and popular.

Spiritual courage is completely different. It is following the deepest desires of our hearts at the risk of losing fame and popularity. It asks our willingness to lose our temporal lives in order to gain eternal life.

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS...Helen Steiner Rice A GARDEN OF THE HEART

In the garden of the heart friendship's flower opens wide when we shower it with kindness as our love shines from inside.

'You hear, O Lord, the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them, and you listen to their cry.' --Psalm 10:17

Today plant the seed of friendship within your heart. With showers of kindness and warmth of love your friendships will grow!

HOPE HAPPENS!

- LIGHT always follows darkness. --Anonymous
- When you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot and HANG ON. --Franklin D. Roosevelt
- Whether it is the best of times or the worst of times, it is the ONLY time you've got. --Art Buchwald
- * We are all in the gutter but some of us are LOOKING at the STARS. --Oscar Wilde