

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"*

9:00 AM - CONTEMPORARY RITE - Mass Book page 63

READING I - Wisdom 1, 13-15; 2, 23-24

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 30, 2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12-13

R/: I will praise you Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will extol you, O Lord, for you drew me clear and did not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you brought me up from the nether world; you preserved me from among those going down into the pit.

R/: I will praise you Lord, for you have rescued me.

Sing praise to the lord, you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger lasts but a moment; a lifetime, his good will. At nightfall, weeping enters in, but with the dawn, rejoicing.

R/: I will praise you Lord, for you have rescued me.

Hear, O Lord, and have pity on me; O Lord, be my helper. You changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord, my God, forever will I give you thanks.

R/: I will praise you Lord, for you have rescued me.

READING II - 2 Corinthians 8, 7-9, 13-15

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **R./ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.** Verse. **R/ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL - Mark 5, 21-43 or 5, 21,-24, 35-43

A reading from the holy gospel according to St. Mark

When Jesus had crossed back to the other side of the Sea of Galilee in the boat, a large crowd gathered around him and he stayed close to the lake. One of the officials of the synagogue, a man named Jairus, came near. Seeing Jesus, he fell at his feet and made this earnest appeal: "My little daughter is critically ill. Please come and lay your hands on her so that she may get well and live." The two went off together and a large crowd followed, pushing against Jesus.

People from the official's house arrived, saying, "Your daughter is dead. Why bother the Teacher further?" Jesus disregarded the report that had been brought and said to the official: "Fear is useless. What is needed is trust." He would not permit anyone to follow him except Peter, James, and James's brother John. As they approached the house of the synagogue leader, Jesus was struck by the noise of people wailing and crying loudly on all sides. He entered and said to them: "Why do you make this sin with your wailing? The child is not dead. She is asleep. At this they began to ridicule him. Then he put them all out.

Jesus took the child's father and mother and his own companions and entered the room where the child lay. Taking her hand he said to her, "Talitha, koum," which means, "Little girl, get up." The girl, a child of twelve, stood up immediately and began to walk around. At this the family's astonishment was complete. He enjoined them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

This is the gospel of the Lord. **R/.** Praise be to you Lord, Jesus Christ.

GENERAL CONCESSIONS: **God, Hear Us! or as instructed by Lector**

OFFERTORY HYMN - *"Sweet Hour of Prayer"*

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COMMUNION HYMNS - *"Come, Thou Almighty King"* and *"God Bless America"*

RECESSIONAL HYMN - *"America, The Beautiful"*

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 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.

PAUL 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.,,

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY... Henri Nouwen DOWNWARD MOBILITY

The society in which we live suggests in countless ways that the way to go is up. Making it to the top, entering the limelight, breaking the record — that's what draws attention, gets us on the front page of the newspaper, and offers us the rewards of money and fame.

The way of Jesus is radically different. It is the way not of upward mobility but of downward mobility. It is going to the bottom, staying behind the sets, and choosing the last place! Why is the way of Jesus worth choosing? Because it is the way to the Kingdom, the way Jesus took, and the way that brings everlasting life.

ST. FRANCIS NOTES ...

- **INDEPENDENCE DAY!** The Fourth of July! on this day we celebrate the birth of our nation, marking the anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, in 1776! God Bless America!
- **FEAST OF ST. THOMAS**, Apostle, July 3. "Because you have seen me. Thomas, you have believed; blessed are they who have not seen me and yet believe."
- **OUR HEALING PRAYERS**, are needed, as last week Fr. Andrew stepped on a nail...a painful ordeal, know you have our prayers!
- **ITEMS ARE NEEDED!** St. Francis Parish is looking for donated items to sell at our Giant Yard Sale, to be held on Saturday, August 29 and Sunday, August 30. Please ask how you can help make this event another success for our Parish?
- **THANK YOU!** To all our Friends and Parishioners of St. Francis, who have donated items on a regular basis for our church events, food, raffles, etc...Our many thanks, God Bless You All!

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS ...

Helen Steiner Rice — WALK IN LOVE

Blest are they who walk in love, they also walk with God above.

"For your love is ever before me, and I walk continually in your truth." —Psalm 26:3

Today maintain a loving attitude!

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