

ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 30, 2013



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 - Reading 1 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.

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 - Galatians 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/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

R./ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest/Lector: Verse. R./ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL - Luke 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.

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Fairest Lord Jesus"

OUR FATHER - Mass book page 95

COMMUNION HYMNS - "Gather Your People"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Sing of the Lord's Goodness"

St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL (1271-1336)

July 4

St. Elizabeth was born into the royal family of Aragon, in 1271. Her father was King Peter III of Aragon and her great aunt was St. Elizabeth of Hungary. At the age of twelve, she married King Denis of Portugal. They had two children, Alfonso and Constance. Despite her husband's infidelity, Elizabeth remained devoted to him and faithful to her life of prayer. She was attentive to the many needs of the poor and opened a hospital at Coimbra, an orphanage for foundlings, and a home for women at Torres Novas. She was always involved in the cause of peace and often intervened to settle quarrels between warring factions of her family. Her son, Alfonso, was rebellious and led an army against King Denis. Denis felt that Elizabeth was siding with Alfonso and banished her from the kingdom for a short time. After the death of King Denis in 1325, Elizabeth became a Franciscan tertiary and went to live in the convent of the Poor Clares at Coimbra. While there she gave up most of her wealth to care for the poor. In 1336, Elizabeth successfully mediated a dispute between her son, King Alfonso IV, and King Alfonso XI of Castile. She died at Estremoz, Portugal, on July 4, 1336. Her prayer: Father, you called the peacemaker blessed, give us the gift to bring peace. Amen.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Celebrated on July 4, the anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. God Bless America! - Pray for 'Our Nation'.

EVANGELIZE AND SHARE YOUR FAITH

We all know the power of endorsement. People sharing their experience or enthusiasm for something they have found helpful, useful, even life changing. Together with the word of mouth, endorsement is the most powerful form of advertising. People gravitate toward spokes-people who embody what they talk about. But this first hand endorsement is only effective if the endorser is believable. That means they must honestly share their experience. Your word, your experience, your honest opinion, counts. Based on the way you live your life, your example, even more than your experiences, carries more weight than all the advertising in newspapers or television ever could. Why is it, then, that so many Catholics shy away from sharing their faith in the same confident manner - as say, they speak up about that tried and true recipe or venture an opinion about a new car or new book? How often do we talk about the best BOOK of all (the Bible), or the Lord, who lives in and with the baptized, every-

day? As Catholics we are called to evangelize. Every Mass ends with a blessing that sends us forth to go out and share that Faith, that life with Jesus, the Lord! As Catholic Christians, we must demonstrate the Christian life in such a way that others are attracted, encouraged, and inspired by our example. At any time and at all times. In prayer ask God how you may best share your faith and ask the Holy Spirit to keep you focused, open and ready to be the best evangelizer you can be. To extend a hand, an invitation to others to know the joy that energizes your own life. Come, share your faith...

SUMMER FLOWERS

We warmly welcome any floral bouquet or garden flower you may want to offer to adorn the main altar or side altar. Please bring your gift before Mass, vases are provided. God Bless!

HIS WORDS - HELP IN TROUBLES

"Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against my foes, with the right hand you save me." -Psalm 138:7

OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES

To Father Andrew and Monika and their family on the passing of Father Andrew's Father last week. The Parish offers our sincerest sympathy and support.

MY LIFE'S BEEN TOUCHED

I've heard it said that dreams come true -
Now I can say, "They really do,"
For I've been blessed in numerous ways
By starlit nights and sunny days.
I've seen the bitter, seen the sweet,
I've walked both sides of life's street;
I've soared with joy, sank with despair,
Never without someone to care.
Each season's beauty brings a kiss
That can create a subtle bliss;
An animal's love, a bird in flight
Can bring my heart such sweet delight.
The joy of friendship and true love
Are surely gifts from Heaven above;
From this life I've gathered much
For by God's hand I have been touched.

—Catherine Janssen Irwin

shared by Linda Frysztacki