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July 10, 2011 - Fifteenth 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 - Is 55:10-11

Thus says the LORD: Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You have visited the land and watered it; greatly have you enriched it. God's watercourses are filled; you have prepared the grain.

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Thus have you prepared the land: drenching its furrows, breaking up its clods, Softening it with showers, blessing its yield.

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with a rich harvest; The untilled meadows overflow with it, and rejoicing clothes the hills.

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

The fields are garmented with flocks and the valleys blanketed with grain. They shout and sing for joy.

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

READING II - Rom 8:18-23

Brothers and sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

Priest/Altar Server: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Verse.
R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL - Matthew 13:1-9

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirty fold. Whoever has ears ought to hear." This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Come Unto Jesus"

OUR FATHER - Mass book page 95

COMMUNION HYMNS -
"Hail Mary, Gentle Woman"

RECESSIONAL HYMN -
"Joyful, Joyful. We Adore Thee"

St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

ST. BENEDICT (480-547) - July 11

St. Benedict, brother of St. Scholastica, was born at Nursia, Italy, in 480. His family was wealthy, and he was educated in Rome at a time when barbarian invasions and moral decline seriously threatened to destroy the city and the Roman empire. Disgusted with the moral decline of his companions and society in general, Benedict left Rome and lived in the village of Enfide for a number of years. About 500, Benedict went to the wild and remote area of Subiaco. While there, he came under the tutelage of the monk, Romanus. Benedict became a monk and spent the next three years living a life of prayer and solitude in a cave. He began to attract many followers, and by 525, he had founded twelve monasteries in Subiaco. In 529, after this was accomplished, Benedict left for Monte Cassino. Again, many disciples were drawn to him. In 530, he founded the great monastery at Monte Cassino which would become the focal point for Western monasticism. Benedict became the abbot of Monte Cassino and organized his companions into one monastic community. The Benedictine Rule inspired monastic life in the Western Church for centuries to come. Monasticism and its monasteries were instrumental in preserving Western civilization in modern Europe and the West. A wise spiritual leader and worker of miracles, Benedict's life and works profoundly affected the spirituality and life of the Church and Western civilization. He died at Monte Cassino on March 21, 1547.

Rule of St. Benedict

"Whatever work you begin to do, beg God in earnest prayer to make it perfect...We are going to establish a school for the Lord's service. Nothing harsh or burdensome will enter there, we hope...As we go forward in faith, our hearts will grow great, and we will run in the way of God's commandments with unspeakable love."

THE VIGIL LIGHT

The offering of a burning candle before our altars and shrines is an act of prayer to God, our blessed Mother, or the saints. Because it signifies our watchfulness, we call it a vigil light. We call it a votive light because we pray by means of this shining, silent intercessor. The Church employs candles widely in divine worship. She blesses them on Candlemas day, uses them freely in her liturgy and in administering the Sacraments. Our Bible is full of examples of the religious use of fire and flame by God's people. In describing Himself, Christ said, "I am the light of the world." We light a candle to show honor to God. It is a

mark of our dedication, of our confidence in His presence and promises. It is a sign of our own fidelity. Through our vigil light we give outward, visible evidence of our spiritual desires just as we do when we fast, sacrifice our own will, and give alms to the poor. Thus, as we go to our daily tasks, the candle's flame continues to express our worship, praise and petition. Christ assures us that not even a cup of cold water given in His name will go without reward. Hence, we are confident that He will be pleased with our prayerful offering of a vigil light!

HIS WORDS - FRUITFULNESS

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch in me that bears fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."
—John 15:1-5

OUR MISSION CHALLENGE

Our Church remain, a diverse and welcoming Catholic family of faith, where the worship of Jesus Christ is the center of our life and purpose. We aim in these challenging times to affirm God's love for the world by the power of the Holy Spirit and strive to embody the grace, love and hope of Jesus Christ through opportunities for spiritual growth and faithful service. Together, our journey continues ...

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Good stewardship continues in so many ways...in the giving of time, talent and treasure and even the giving of a simple smile has the power to give! our parish offers the use of a St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Bin. Please donate what you can and spread the word of its location to others. Thank you for all you do! God's Blessings Always!

A DAILY PRAYER - KEEPING THE FAITH

I bind myself God's power to guide me, God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to teach me, God's eye to watch over me, God's ear to hear me, God's word to give me speech, God's hand to guide me, God's lie before me, God's shield to shelter me, God's host to secure me. Amen.
—St. Patrick's Lorica

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!