



ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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July 11, 2010 - 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.

ENTRANCE HYMN - *"Hymn of Faith"*

READING I - **Dt 30:10-14**

Moses said to the people: "If only you would heed the voice of the LORD, your God, and keep his commandments and statutes that are written in this book of the law, when you return to the LORD, your God, with all your heart and all your soul. "For this command that I enjoin on you today is not too mysterious and remote for you. It is not up in the sky, that you should say, 'Who will go up in the sky to get it for us and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?' Nor is it across the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross the sea to get it for us and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?' No, it is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - **Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37**

R. Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

I pray to you, O LORD, for the time of your favor, O God! In your great kindness answer me with your constant help. Answer me, O LORD, for bounteous is your kindness: in your great mercy turn toward me.

R. Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

I am afflicted and in pain; let your saving help, O God, protect me. I will praise the name of God in song, and I will glorify him with thanksgiving.

R. Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

"See, you lowly ones, and be glad; you who seek God, may your hearts revive! For the LORD hears the poor, and his own who are in bonds he spurns not."

R. Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

For God will save Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah.

The descendants of his servants shall inherit it, and those who love his name shall inhabit it.

R. Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

READING II - **Col1:15-20**

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he himself might be preminent.

For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross through him, whether those on earth or those in heaven.

Priest or Cantor: Alleluia (3x)

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

GOSPEL - **Lk 10:25-37**

There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test him and said, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law?"

How do you read it?" He said in reply,

You shall love the Lord, your God,

with all your heart,

with all your being,

with all your strength,

and with all your mind,

and your neighbor as yourself."

He replied to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live."

But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Jesus replied, "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight.

He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn, and cared for him.

The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, 'Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.' Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?"

He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy."

Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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. 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."

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL, July 16

The Prophet Elijah ascended Mount Carmel to pray for the heavens to open when the country around him was dry and without water. Finally, he saw a small cloud coming in from the sea bearing life-giving rain. In the twelfth century, Christian hermits came to live and pray on this mountain. In their vision, the cloud was a symbol of Mary, the Mother of God, who brought life to a parched world. They honored her under the title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and later founded an order devoted to prayer under her patronage.



Most beautiful Mother of God,
Splendor of heaven,

You bring fruitfulness to the earth
and assist us in our needs
Star of the Sea, show yourself a mother to me.
Let the healing rain of your comfort
fall gently upon me.
Hear my voice when I call.
Mother of God,
I place my cause in your hands. Amen.

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY - Henri Nouwen BEING BROKEN

Jesus was broken on the cross. He lived his suffering and death not as an evil to avoid at all costs but as a mission to embrace. We too are broken. We live with broken bodies, broken hearts, broken minds, or broken spirits. We suffer from broken relationships. How can we live our brokenness? Jesus invites us to embrace our brokenness as he embraced the cross and live it as part of our mission. He asks us not to reject our brokenness as a curse from God that reminds us of our sinfulness but to accept it and put it under God's blessings for our purification and sanctification. Thus, our brokenness can become a gateway to a new life.

JUST A THOUGHT... COURAGE ...

"What lies behind you and what lies before you
are tiny matters compared to
WHAT LIES WITHIN you."
Ralph Waldo Emerson

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS - Helen Steiner Rice DAILY GRACES

Make us more aware, dear God, of little daily graces that come to us with sweet surprise from never-dreamed-of places.

"In you I trust, O my God." —Psalm 25:2
Today ask yourself, "What lesson can be learned from the experience of this day?"

Congratulations

to Fr. Andrew, Monika & Adam



1:30 p.m.

Tuesday

July 6, 2010

9 lbs. 10 oz.

Robert