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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 14, 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 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 - Col 1:15-20

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the first-born 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 preeminent. 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/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

R./ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

GOSPEL - Luke 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." This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - "*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*"

OUR FATHER - Mass book page 95

COMMUNION HYMNS - "*Here I Am Lord*"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "*God Bless America*"

St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

OUR LADY OF MOUNT 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.

Her prayer:

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.

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS - Helen Steiner Rice - LITTLE PRAYERS

Little prayers for little things fly heavenward on little wings, and no prayer is too great or small to ask of God who hears them all.

"Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings." —Psalm 17:8

Today, this very morning, kneel to meet and greet the Lord. No one is ever greater in stature than kneeling in prayer to God!

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY - Henri Nouwen - BEING GIVEN

Jesus is given to the world. He was chosen, blessed, and broken to be given. Jesus' life and death are a life and death for others. The Beloved Son of God, chosen from all eternity, was broken on the cross so that this one life could multiply and become food for people of all places and all times. As God's beloved children we have to believe that our little lives, when lived as God's chosen and blessed children, are broken to be given to others. We too have to become bread for the world. When we live our brokenness under the blessing, our lives will continue to bear fruit from generation to generation. That is the story of the saints - they died, but they continue to be alive in the hearts of those who live after them - and this can be our story too.



OUR MISSION CHALLENGE

Come, share your faith! Encourage someone you know, family, friend, who may be interested in our "Celebration of the Eucharist." Welcome visitors and new members, listen, care and share your faith, in thought, word and by deed. Participate and promote your Parish! We remain Christ centered, where love, forgiveness and respect are the qualities of our Parish. Please continue to keep St. Francis Church in your prayers, as our faithful journey continues... Peace be with you!



Remember:

Singing is Praying Twice!

Join us in song.

The words to our hymns
are on the back of this bulletin.

HEALTH NOTES

Slather on that SPF, but, for extra sun protection eat plenty of these fruits: cherries, nectarines and watermelon, according to Allison Tannis, author of Feed your Skin, Starve your Wrinkles.
Cherries - give you less puffy skin and have inflammation-fighting anthocyanins & melatonin.
Nectarines - full of lycopene, lutein, niacin, copper and vitamins A,C,E.
Watermelon - high water content and lycopene protects and preserves skin cells.

shared by Linda Frysztacki