



July 17, 2011 - Sixteenth 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 - Wis 12:13, 16-19

There is no god besides you who have the care of all, that you need show you have not unjustly condemned. For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all. For you show your might when the perfection of your power is disbelieved; and in those who know you, you rebuke temerity. But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, and with much lenience you govern us; for power, whenever you will, attends you. And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

You, O LORD, are good and forgiving, abounding in kindness to all who call upon you. Hearken, O LORD, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my pleading.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

All the nations you have made shall come and worship you, O LORD, and glorify your name. For you are great, and you do wondrous deeds; you alone are God.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

You, O LORD, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity.

Turn toward me, and have pity on me; give your strength to your servant.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

READING II - Romans 8:26-27

Brothers and sisters: The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.

Priest/Altar Server: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Verse. R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL - Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn." This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - "We Will Rise Again"

OUR FATHER - Mass book page 95

COMMUNION HYMNS -

"Sing of the Lord's Goodness"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "How Great Thou Art"

St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

ST. MARY MAGDALENE (first century) July 22

St. Mary Magdalene is one of the most appealing characters in the Gospels. Only a few details about her appear there, yet Christians know her as a woman of great love, desire, and unwavering loyalty. She was born at Magdala, near Tiberias, in Galilee.

Mary Magdalene stood beside Jesus while he was dying on the Cross. With Mary, his mother, and a few other disciples, she watched helplessly as the one she loved suffered through the dark hours of Good Friday. Then with the others she prepared his dead body for burial.

Early Easter morning, she returned anxiously to his tomb to complete the burial anointings, only to find his body gone. She began to weep. Through her tears she suddenly saw a man standing beside her whom she thought was the gardener. When he spoke her name, she knew he was Jesus, risen from the dead.

"Mary!" Jesus said to her. "Rabboni! Teacher!" Mary joyfully responded. Then Jesus spoke these mysterious words, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father."

We can see Jesus, not rejecting her at this joyous moment, but readying her, who followed him so devotedly in life, for following him now by faith, he seems to say. "Touch me with the hand of your faith; seek me with eyes of faith; run towards me with limbs of faith. Now I will never be far from you. I am forever in your heart.

"I have seen the Lord," Mary announced to Jesus' disciples. Her experiences of the Lord, in his ministry, in the desolate hours on Calvary, in the brightening hours of Easter morning, echo through the centuries to strengthen our faith. She loved much, and through her love she found the God she sought.

'By the prayers and example of Mary Magdalene may we proclaim Christ as our Lord.'

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY ... Henri Nouwen
THE BODY OF COMMUNITY

When we gather around the table and break bread together, we are transformed not only individually but also as community. We, people from different ages and races, with different backgrounds and histories, become one body. As Paul says, "As there is one loaf, so we, although there are many of us, are one single body, for we all share in the one loaf" (Corinthians 10:17).



Not only as individuals but also as community we become the living Christ, taken, blessed, broken, and given to the world. As one body, we become a living witness of God's immense desire to bring all peoples and nations together as the one family of God.

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS ...

Helen Steiner Rice, TALK TO GOD

True communication is reached through God alone, to Him the thoughts we cannot express are understood and known.

'How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!' – Psalm 139:17

Today be faithful in the small things and you can't help but be faithful in the large!

ST. FRANCIS NOTES ...

"AMERICAN DATING CATASTROPHES, VOL. IX"

is 10 one-act comedies by various Long Island playwrights about dates which have 'gone bad' produced Middle Class American Productions (John & Joni Blenn). Tuesday & Wednesday, July 26th & July 27th at 8:00 p.m. the YMCA Boulton Center, 37 Main Street, Bay Shore NY. Call 516-783-8863 or see Joni for \$15 advance tickets or \$20 at the door.

GOD'S CELEBRATING GRACE

A living, loving God can and does make His presence felt, can and does speak to us in the silence of our hearts, can and does warm and caress us till we no longer doubt that He is near. –Brennan Manning

SAVE THE DATES for
ST. FRANCIS UPCOMING EVENTS
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2011 - 1 p.m.
Blessing of the Animals by Father Andrew
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2011 - 3 p.m.
St. Francis Fall Fundraiser Dinner.
Volunteer to help.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2011
Christmas Dinner Fundraiser