



## ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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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 - Jer. 23:1-6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**R/. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose;  
Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

**R/. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil;  
for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage.

**R/. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life;  
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come.

**R/. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

READING II - Eph. 2:13-18

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **R./ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.** Verse.

**R/ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL - Mark 6:30-34

A reading from the holy gospel according to St. Mark

The apostles returned to Jesus and reported to him all that they had done and what they had taught. He said to them, "Come by yourselves to an out-of-the-way place and rest a little." People were coming and going in great numbers, making it impossible for them to so much as eat. So Jesus and the apostles went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. People saw them leaving, and many got to know about it. People from all the towns hastened on foot to the place, arriving ahead of them.

Upon disembarking Jesus saw a vast crowd. He pitied them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them at great length.

This is the gospel of the Lord. **R/.** Praise be to you Lord, Jesus Christ.

GENERAL CONCESSIONS: **God, Hear Us! or as instructed by Lector**

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Holy, Holy, Holy"

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COMMUNION HYMN - "O Lord I Am Not Worthy" & "Come Unto Jesus"

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 disciples, she watched helplessly as the one she loved suffered through the dark hours of Good Friday. Then with the others she prepared his 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 in faith. Reach out and cling to me now by faith, he seems to say. Touch me with the hand of your faith; seek me with eyes 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.'

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sat. & Sun., August 29 & 30**  
**HUGE YARD/BASEMENT SALE**  
**Start now bringing in items to sell!**

### BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY... Henri Nouwen RECOGNIZING CHRIST

#### IN SUFFERING COMMUNITIES

Communities as well as individuals suffer. All over the world there are large groups of people who are persecuted, mistreated, abused, and made victims of horrendous crimes. 'There are suffering families, suffering circles of friends, suffering religious communities, suffering ethnic groups, and suffering nations. In these suffering bodies of people we must be able to recognize the suffering Christ. They too are chosen, blessed, broken, and given to the world.

As we call one another to respond to the cries of these people and work together for justice and peace, we are caring for Christ, who suffered and died for the salvation of our world.

#### JUST A THOUGHT???

- "Peace begins with a smile."

- Mother Teresa -

- 'A guest in my house is God in my house. —  
Polish Proverb

- "Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared." — Mahatma Gandhi

#### ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS ... Helen Steiner Rice HEAR MY PRAYER

Let me serve You every day and feel You near me when I pray .... hear my prayer, dear God above, and make me worthy of Your Love!

"Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth." —Psalm 57:5

Today help to clothe God's sheep and feed His lambs!

#### ST. FRANCIS NOTES ...

- **OUR WELCOME TODAY!** to Very Rev. Wieslaw Pietruszka, as he serves Mass for us this Sunday, as Fr. Andrew and Family are on vacation.

- **GIANT YARD SALE!** will be held at St. Francis, on Sat. & Sun., August 29th and 30th. Donations of items to sell would be greatly appreciated. Please ask how You can help make this another success for the Parish?

- **ST. FRANCIS BANNERS!** Thank you to Fr. Andrew and Monika in obtaining two banners to note our church on the outside. One will note our 'Hall Rental' another will note our Church and 'Title!'