



## ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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**July 25, 2010 - Seventeenth 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 - Gn 18:20-32

In those days, the LORD said: "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great, and their sin so grave, that I must go down and see whether or not their actions fully correspond to the cry against them that comes to me. I mean to find out." While Abraham's visitors walked on farther toward Sodom, the LORD remained standing before Abraham. Then Abraham drew nearer and said: "Will you sweep away the innocent with the guilty? Suppose there were fifty innocent people in the city; would you wipe out the place, rather than spare it for the sake of the fifty innocent people within it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to make the innocent die with the guilty so that the innocent and the guilty would be treated alike! Should not the judge of all the world act with justice?" The LORD replied, "If I find fifty innocent people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake." Abraham spoke up again: "See how I am presuming to speak to my Lord, though I am but dust and ashes! What if there are five less than fifty innocent people? Will you destroy the whole city because of those five?" He answered, "I will not destroy it, if I find forty-five there." But Abraham persisted, saying "What if only forty are found there?" He replied, "I will forbear doing it for the sake of the forty." Then Abraham said, "Let not my Lord grow impatient if I go on. What if only thirty are found there?" He replied, "I will forbear doing it if I can find but thirty there." Still Abraham went on, "Since I have thus dared to speak to my Lord, what if there are no more than twenty?" The LORD answered, "I will not destroy it, for the sake of the twenty." But he still persisted: "Please, let not my Lord grow angry if I speak up this last time. What if there are at least ten there?" He replied, "For the sake of those ten, I will not destroy it."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart,  
for you have heard the words of my mouth;  
in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;  
I will worship at your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name.

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Because of your kindness and your truth; for you have made  
great above all things your name and your promise. When I  
called you answered me; you built up strength within me.

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees, and the proud

he knows from afar. Though I walk amid distress, you preserve me; against the anger of my enemies you raise your hand.

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Your right hand saves me. The LORD will complete what he has done for me; your kindness, O LORD, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands.

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

READING II - Col 2:12-14

Brothers and sisters: You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And even when you were dead in transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, he brought you to life along with him, having forgiven us all our transgressions; obliterating the bond against us, with its legal claims, which was opposed to us, he also removed it from our midst, nailing it to the cross.

Priest or Cantor: Alleluia (3x)

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

GOSPEL - Lk 11:1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey and I have nothing to offer him,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence. "And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

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

GENERAL CONCESSIONS: **God, Hear Us!**

OFFERTORY HYMN - *"We Will Rise Again"*

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COMMUNION - *"Sing of the Lord's Goodness"*

RECESSIONAL HYMN - *"How Great Thou Art"*

## St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

### **Saints JOACHIM and ANN (parents of MARY) July 26**

Ancient Christian tradition records the names of saints Joachim and Ann as the parents of Mary, the mother of Jesus. They were both members of the tribe of Judah of the house of David. According to tradition, Joachim and Ann came to Jerusalem from Galilee. Over the centuries, they have been honored, especially in the East, at great churches and shrines built in memory of them. Historically and biblically, not much is known of Joachim and Ann, except that they were the parents of Mary and grandparents of Jesus.

By their fruits we know how people lived, Jesus taught. The Church recognizes the grandparents of Jesus as models of family virtue and faith, which they transmitted to their offspring.

### **A PRAYER TO SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANN**

Heavenly Father, You gave Saints Joachim and Ann the wonderful privilege of being the parents of the virgin Mary and the grandparents of Christ, Your Son. Through their intercession, bring us, (our children and grandchildren,) closer to the loving Heart of Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

### **BREAD FOR -THE JOURNEY ... Henri Nouwen DIGGING INTO OUR SPIRITUAL RESOURCES**

When someone hurts us, offends us, ignores us, or rejects us, a deep inner protest emerges. It can be rage or depression, desire to take revenge or even an impulse to harm ourselves. We can feel urge to wound those who have wounded us or to withdraw in a suicidal mood of self-rejection. Although these extremes reactions might seem exceptional, they are never far away from our hearts. During the long nights we often find ourselves brooding about words and actions we might have used in response to what others have said or done to us.

It is precisely here that we have to dig deep into our spiritual resources and find the center within us, the center that lies beyond our need to hurt others or ourselves where we are free to forgive and love.

### **ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS...Helen Steiner Rice GOD'S LOVE PROTECTS US**

God's love is like a fortress and we seek protection there when the waves of tribulation seem to drown us in despair!

'Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress. He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed.' -Psalm 107:28-29

Today remember that with only one stroke, a minus can be turned into a plus (+)!

### **ST. JAMES (d. 42) July 25**

St. James, the brother of St. John the Apostle, was also known as St. James the Greater in order to distinguish himself from St. James the Less, who was younger. James, a fisherman by trade, was born at Bethsaida in Galilee. One day, he and John were approached by Jesus. Jesus called them to become his disciples and they obeyed. Leaving their fishing nets and father, Zebedee, behind, they accompanied Jesus on his mission.

Jesus called James and John "Sons of Thunder," because they were so energetic and impetuous. Once they were received poorly by a Samaritan town and they asked Jesus if he wanted to draw down fire from heaven upon the place. Jesus had to rebuke them. James was with Peter and John at the raising of Jairus, daughter from the dead, witnessed the Transfiguration of Jesus, and accompanied Our Lord during the Agony in Gethsemane. Tradition says that he journeyed to Spain to preach the Gospel. He was the first of the apostles to die for Christ and was beheaded at Palestine in 42 by King Herod Agrippa I.

'Lord, help us to drink from your cup of life, to serve more than to be served, to labor for the coming of your kingdom.'

### **ST. FRANCIS NOTES...**

Joni & John are having a HUGE garage/yard sale. Anyone needing anything (kitchen stuff, furniture, household items, clothes, etc.) who would like a preview, please let Joni know. Her cell is 516-578-9123. The yard sale is Sat./Sun., August 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> at 450 Von Elm Avenue, right around the corner from St. Francis. (Anything left over will be donated to St. Francis' Yard Sale, August 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>.)

### **SAVE THE DATES for ST. FRANCIS UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Saturday & Sunday, August 28 & 29, 2010**

**HUGE YARD SALE!**

Something for everyone!

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2010**

St. Francis Fundraiser Dinner. Volunteer to help.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2010**

Blessing of the Animals by Father Andrew

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2010**

Christening

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2010**

Christmas Dinner Fundraiser

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2010**

Choir Concert Fundraiser