

St. Francis Polish National Catholic Church

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July 3, 2011 - Fourteenth 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 - Zec 9:9-10

Thus says the LORD: Rejoice heartily, O daughter Zion, shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king shall come to you; a just savior is he, meek, and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass. He shall banish the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem; the warrior's bow shall be banished, and he shall proclaim peace to the nations. His dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM -

Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will extol you, O my God and King, and I will bless your name forever and ever. Every day will I bless you, and I will praise your name forever and ever.

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. The LORD is good to all and compassionate toward all his works.

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD, and let your faithful ones bless you. Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might.

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The LORD is faithful in all his words and holy in all his works. The LORD lifts up all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

READING II - Romans 8:9, 11-13

Brothers and sisters: You are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you. Consequently, brothers and sisters, we are not debtors to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Priest/Altar Server: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Verse. R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL - Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus exclaimed: "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him."

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." This is the gospel of the Lord. R/: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Come Unto Jesus"

OUR FATHER - Mass book page 95

COMMUNION HYMNS - "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman" RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Star Spangled Banner"

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ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL (1271-1336) July 4

St. Elizabeth was born into the royal family of Aragon, in 1271. Her father was King Peter III of Aragon and her great aunt was St. Elizabeth of Hungary. At the age of twelve, she married King Denis of Portugal. They had two children, Alfonso and Constance. Despite her husband's infidelity, Elizabeth remained devoted to him and faithful to her life of praver. She was attentive to the many needs of the poor and opened a hospital at Coimbra, an orphanage for foundlings, and a home for women at Torres Novas. She was always involved in the cause of peace and often intervened to settle guarrels

between warring factions of her family. Her son, Alfonso, was rebellious and led an army against King Denis. Denis felt that Elizabeth was siding with Alfonso and banished her from the kingdom for a short time. After the death of King Denis in 1325, Elizabeth became a Franciscan tertiary and went to live in the convent of the Poor Clares at Coimbra. While there she gave up most of her wealth to care for the poor. In 1336, Elizabeth successfully mediated a dispute between her son, King Alfonso IV, and King Alfonso XI of Castile. She died at Estremoz, Portugal, on July 4, 1336. Her prayer, Father, you called the peacemaker blessed, give us the gift to bring peace. Amen.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Celebrated on July 4, the anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. God Bless America! - Pray for 'Our Nation'.

EVANGELIZE AND SHARE YOUR FAITH

We all know the power of endorsement. People sharing their experience or enthusiasm for something they have found helpful, useful, even life changing. Together with the word of mouth, endorsement is tile most powerful form of advertising. People gravitate toward spokes-people who embody what they talk about. But this first hand endorsement is only effective if the endorser is believable. That means



they must honestly snare their experience. Your word, your experience, your honest opinion. counts. Based on the way you live your life, your example, even more than your experiences, carries more weight than all the advertising in newspapers or television ever could. Why is it, then, that so many Catholics shy away from sharing their faith in the same confident manner - as say, they speak up about that tried and true recipe or venture an opinion about a new car or new book? How often do we talk about the best BOOK of all (the Bible), or the Lord, who lives in and with the baptized, everyday? As Catholics we are called to evangelize. Every Mass ends with a blessing that sends us forth to go out and share

that Faith, that life with Jesus, the Lord! As Catholic Christians, we must demonstrate the Christian life in such a way that others are attracted, encouraged, and inspired by our example. At any time and at all times. In prayer ask God how you may best share your faith and ask the Holy Spirit to keep you focused, open and ready to be the best evangelizer you can be. To extend a hand, an invitation to others to know the joy that energizes your own life. Come, share your faith...

SUMMER FLOWERS

We warmly welcome any floral bouquet or garden flower you may want to offer to adorn the main altar or side altar. Please bring your gift before Mass, vases are provided. God Bless!

HIS WORDS - HELP IN TROUBLES

"Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against my foes, with the right hand you save me." –Psalm 138:7

A PRAYER FOR FINDING STRENGTH

O, mighty Lord, I pray that you will be my shield as I do battle against ignorance, cruelty and injustice. Through your unending love, I pray that you will grant me goodness, so that I might lead others to do your will and glorify your name. Amen.