

# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Make me a channel of your peace." –St. Francis

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Sunday, July 5, 2015

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.

8:00 AM - "Hymn of Faith"

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READING I - Ez 2:2-5

As the LORD spoke to me, the spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me: Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have revolted against me to this very day. Hard of face and obstinate of heart are they to whom I am sending you. But you shall say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD! And whether they heed or resist--for they are a rebellious house--they shall know that a prophet has been among them.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4

**R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.**

To you I lift up my eyes who are enthroned in heaven --  
As the eyes of servants are on the hands of their masters.

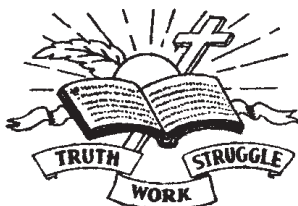
**R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.**

As the eyes of a maid are on the hands of her mistress,  
So are our eyes on the LORD, our God, till he have pity  
on us.

**R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.**

Have pity on us, O LORD, have pity on us, for we are  
more than sated with contempt; our souls are more than  
sated with the mockery of the arrogant, with the contempt  
of the proud.

**R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.**



READING 2 - 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Brothers and sisters: That I, Paul, might not become too elated, because of the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan, to beat me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me. Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

**R:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest/Lector: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

**R:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL - Mark 6:1-6

Jesus departed from there and came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples. When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands! Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith. This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - "We Gather Together"

COMMUNION HYMNS - "Prayer of St. Francis"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "America, the Beautiful"

### **ST. BENEDICT (480-547) - July 11**

St. Benedict, brother of St. Scholastica, was born at Nursia, Italy, in 480. His family was wealthy, and he was educated in Rome at a time when barbarian invasions and moral decline seriously threatened to destroy the city and the Roman empire. Disgusted with the moral decline of his companions and society in general, Benedict left Rome and lived in the village of Enfide for a number of years. About 500, Benedict went to the wild and remote area of Subiaco. While there, he came under the tutelage of the monk, Romanus. Benedict became a monk and spent the next three years living a life of prayer and solitude in a cave. He began to attract many followers, and by 525, he had founded twelve monasteries in Subiaco. In 529, after this was accomplished, Benedict left for Monte Cassino. Again, many disciples were drawn to him. In 530, he founded the great monastery at Monte Cassino which would become the focal point for Western monasticism. Benedict became the abbot of Monte Cassino and organized his companions into one monastic community. The Benedictine Rule inspired monastic life in the Western Church for centuries to come. Monasticism and its monasteries were instrumental in preserving Western civilization in modern Europe and the West. A wise spiritual leader and worker of miracles, Benedict's life and works profoundly affected the spirituality and life of the Church and Western civilization. He died at Monte Cassino on March 21, 1547.

#### **Rule of St. Benedict**

"Whatever work you begin to do, beg God in earnest prayer to make it perfect...We are going to establish a school for the Lord's service. Nothing harsh or burdensome will enter there, we hope...As we go forward in faith, our hearts will grow great, and we will run in the way of God's commandments with unspeakable love."

### **A DAILY PRAYER - KEEPING THE FAITH**

I bind myself God's power to guide me, God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to teach me, God's eye to watch over me, God's ear to hear me, God's word to give me speech, God's hand to guide me, God's lie before me, God's shield to shelter me, God's host to secure me. Amen. —St. Patrick's Lorica



### **THE VIGIL LIGHT**

The offering of a burning candle before our altars and shrines is an act of prayer to God, our blessed Mother, or the saints. Because it signifies our watchfulness, we call it a vigil light. We call it a votive light because we pray by means of this shining, silent intercessor. The Church employs candles widely in divine worship. She blesses them on Candlemas day, uses them freely in her liturgy and in administering the Sacraments. Our Bible is full of examples of the religious use of fire and flame by God's people. In describing Himself, Christ said, "I am the light of the world." We light a candle to show honor to God. It is a mark of our dedication, of our confidence in His presence and promises. It is a sign of our own fidelity. Through our vigil light we give outward, visible evidence of our spiritual desires just as we do when we fast, sacrifice our own will, and give alms to the poor. Thus, as we go to our daily tasks, the candle's flame continues to express our worship, praise and petition. Christ assures us that not even a cup of cold water given in His name will go without reward. Hence, we are confident that He will be pleased with our prayerful offering of a vigil light!

### **HIS WORDS - FRUITFULNESS**

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch in me that bears fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." —John 15:1-5

### **UPCOMING EVENT DATES**

*Sunday, July 26, 2015* Mass time TBA

*Sunday, August 2, 2015* Mass time TBA

*Sunday, August 9, 2015* Mass time TBA

*Sunday, August 16, 2015* Mass time TBA

*Saturday, October 3, 2015*

Blessing of the Animals

*Sunday, December 5, 2015*

Christmas Fund-raiser Dinner