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August 10, 2014 - Nineteenth 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.

8:30 AM - "Hymn of Faith"

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READING I - 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

At the mountain of God, Horeb, Elijah came to a cave where he took shelter. Then the LORD said to him, "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by." A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountains and crushing rocks before the LORD—but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake—but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake there was fire—but the LORD was not in the fire. After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM -

Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14

R/ Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD — for he proclaims peace. Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land.

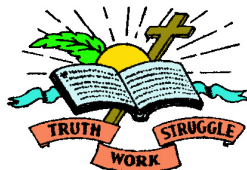
R/ Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.

R/ Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

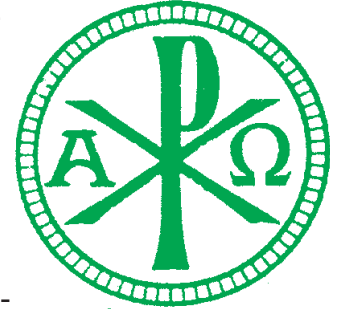
The LORD himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase. Justice shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps.

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READING 2 - Romans 9:1-5

Brothers and sisters: I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie; my conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me witness that I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites; theirs the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; theirs the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.



GOSPEL - Matthew 14:22-33

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God." This is the gospel of the Lord.

R/ Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Holy Holy, Holy"

COMMUNION HYMN - "Shepherd Me, O God"

RECESSIONAL - "Sing of the Lord's Goodness"

St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

ST. CLARE (1193-1253) August 11

ST. CLARE was born at Assisi, Italy, in 1193. When she was eighteen, St. Francis was preaching in Assisi and his words greatly inspired her. In 1212, on Palm Sunday, she ran away from home and went to Portiuncula, where Francis lived. He met her at the chapel of Our Lady of the Angels, cut off her hair, and gave her a sackcloth held together by a cord. She went to live in the Benedictine convent of St. Paul near Bastia.

Her family greatly objected, but their objections fell on deaf ears. Clare moved to a convent in Sant' Angelo di Panzo and was joined by her sister who was fifteen. In 1215, Clare, along with her sister, mother, and other companions, went to live in a convent associated with the Church of San Damiano, outside Assisi. Clare was appointed superior of the congregation by St. Francis, and this is considered to be the origin of the Poor Clares. In a short time, convents were opened in Italy, France, Germany, and Prague.

The Poor Clares adopted a severe life of poverty, silence and austerity. They did not own any property or possessions and existed only on contributions. In 1228, Pope Gregory IX granted them the privilegium paupertatis, which excused them from having any material possessions.

Clare was superior of the order for over forty years. She died at the convent of San Damiano in 1253

Set your mind before the mirror of eternity!
your soul before the brightness of glory!
your heart before the divine presence,
and be transformed totally
into the image of God through contemplation.
Then you too may feel what his friends feel as they
taste the hidden sweetness God has kept from the be-
ginning for those who love him. —St. Clare

WORDS WORTH NOTING...

"Restraining my impatience cost me so much that I was bathed in perspiration." —St. Therese of Lisieux

"Lord, help me to preach the Gospel wherever I go, and if I must, even through words."

—St. Francis of Assisi

"I have a sweet tooth for song and music.

This is my Polish vice." —Pope John Paul II



MARY...

QUEEN OF THE EARTH

We welcome and invite you to bring some flowers and herbs from your garden, next Sunday, honoring the Feast of the Assumption (August 15). This ancient Slavic and Polish custom is still maintained in many parishes. Tradition notes that bouquets would be brought to church this day, when the earth is most giving. The priest would say Mass and bless these bouquets. The newly blessed flowers and herbs would be taken

home and used in a variety of ways. Most often the entire bouquet would be woven into a single wreath, while still fresh and pliable and hung near or over a holy picture. Herbs and produce would then be used as needed. This custom has changed much through time but still holds to honor Mary ... Queen of the Earth and Our Lord, from which all good things come!

*Have mercy on me, God, have mercy on me.
In You I seek shelter. In the shadow of Your wings
I seek shelter till harm pass by.
Psalm 57:2*

2014 ST. FRANCIS UPCOMING EVENTS

We are considering another YARD SALE

Sat. & Sun., September 27th - 28th

ST. FRANCIS FALL YARD SALE

Let us know your opinion
and if you are available to help!

**Saturday, October 4th -
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

Come one, come all...creatures of God.
Your pets will receive a blessing for the year
and a St. Francis medal.

**Sunday, December 7th -
CHRISTMAS/ST. NICHOLAS
FUND-RAISER DINNER**

Always a great day! Lots of delicious food and,
of course, a visit from St. Nick
with gifts for all the children.