



ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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August 15, 2010 - Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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"*

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READING I - *Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab*

God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant could be seen in the temple. A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth. Then another sign appeared in the sky; it was a huge red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on its heads were seven diadems. Its tail swept away a third of the stars in the sky and hurled them down to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman about to give birth, to devour her child when she gave birth. She gave birth to a son, a male child, destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod. Her child was caught up to God and his throne. The woman herself fled into the desert where she had a place prepared by God. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have salvation and power come, and the Kingdom of our God and the authority of his Anointed One."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - *Ps. 45:10, 11, 12, 16*

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

The queen takes her place at your right hand in gold of Ophir.

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

Hear, O daughter, and see; turn your ear, forget your people and your father's house.

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

So shall the king desire your beauty; for he is your lord.

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

They are borne in with gladness and joy; they enter the palace of the king.

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.



READING II - *1 Cor 15:20-27*

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the Kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death, for "he subjected everything under his feet."

Priest or Cantor: Alleluia (3x)

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

GOSPEL - *Lk 1:39-56*

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, and has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever." Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

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

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - *"Hail Mary, Gentle Woman"*

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COMMUNION - *"One Bread, One Body"*

RECESSIONAL HYMN - *"One Spirit, One Church"*

St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, August 15

The taking up of the body and soul of the Mother of God into heaven was celebrated as far back as the fifth century. Gradually, various churches of East and West made it part of their calendar.

Rejoice with the Mother of God, with angels and saints, and celebrate this great feast: the Assumption of the Virgin Mary.

On earth she was a fruitful virgin, in heaven she intercedes for all; through this blessed woman, the Spirit's gifts still flow upon us, and her words teach gentle wisdom.

At her assent the earth blossomed; she sought good things for the poor.

Now in heaven her care is undiminished, near her Son she seeks the good of us all.

adapted from a homily by Theotekno, Bishop of Palestine, +650



BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY...Henri Nouwen PROTECTING OUR HIDDENNESS

If indeed the spiritual life is essentially a hidden life, how do we protect this hiddenness in the midst of a very public life? The two most important ways to protect our hiddenness are found in solitude and poverty. Solitude allows us to be alone with God. There we experience that we belong not to people, not even to those who love us and care for us, but to God and God alone. Poverty is here we experience our own and other people's weaknesses, limitations, a need for support. To be poor is to be without success, without fame, and without power. But there God chooses to show us God's love. Both solitude and poverty protect the hiddenness of our lives.

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS . . . HEART GIFTS

It's not the things that can be bought that are life's richest treasure, it's just the little heart gifts that money cannot measure.

'Better a little with the fear of the Lord than great wealth with turmoil.'—Proverbs 15:16

Today appreciate your treasures; faith, family and friends are the most valuable and yet are unavailable for purchase!

ST. FRANCIS NOTES ...

CHURCH NEEDS: our sanctuary is in need of several new items, and we need a little help! We are hoping that these items would be donated or given with intention for the living or deceased or in honor of a Joyous or Healing occasion. Please see Fr. Andrew if you are interested in such a donation.

Thank you and God Bless!

1. Holy Water Pot & Sprinkler	5. Purificator (2)
2. Cruet Set and Tray	6. Corporal (2)
3. White Altar Cloths	7. Lavabo Towel (2)
4. Chalice Pall (2)	8. Altar Servers Albs (2)
	9. Whole Wheat Altar Bread

REQUIEM MASS FOR +ZACK ROSALES

NAVARRO+ was held last Sunday at 11 a.m. Thank you to Lillyan Tobon for offering this special Mass. Our church was filled in his memory. It remained a faithful sign of enduring family and friends - Love, Hope and Peace. May God Rest His Soul and continue good things in his spirit!

A NEW DRIVEWAY! Thank you to Fr. Andrew and with great help from John O'Rourke...with their many skills in expanding and replacing the old driveway!

RECTORY AND HALL STAIRS are slowly being replaced again by the contractor who faulted in their repair originally. We wait and pray!

GOOD STEWARDSHIP continues in so many ways at St. Francis Parish! For this we are forever 'thankful' to our Parishioners and Friends of St. Francis. Thank You and May God Bless!

GIANT YARD SALE! Now don't forget to bring in items to sale and try to help set up on Friday night, August 27th - after Zumba at the Parish Hall.

**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 of Robert Koterba

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2010
Christmas Dinner Fundraiser

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2010
Choir Concert Fundraiser