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Sunday, August 16, 2015
Twentieth 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 - Prv 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house, she has set up her seven columns; she has dressed her meat, mixed her wine, yes, she has spread her table. She has sent out her maidens; she calls from the heights out over the city: "Let whoever is simple turn in here; To the one who lacks understanding, she says, Come, eat of my food, and drink of the wine I have mixed! Forsake foolishness that you may live; advance in the way of understanding."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the LORD;
the lowly will hear me and be glad.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Glorify the LORD with me,
let us together extol his name.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy,
and your faces may not blush with shame.
When the poor one called out, the LORD heard,
and from all his distress he saved him.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

READING 2 - Ephesians 5:15-20

Brothers and sisters: Watch carefully how you live,
not as foolish persons but as wise, making the
most of the opportunity, because the days are evil.
Therefore, do not continue in ignorance, but try to

understand what is the will of the Lord. And do not get drunk on wine, in which lies debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and playing to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest/Lector: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL - John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowds: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me

will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever." This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - *"Center of My Life"*

COMMUNION HYMN - *"Taste and See"*

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

**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 in Jerusalem 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 the Bishop of Palestine, +650

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY

Henri Nouwen

BEING READY TO DIE

Death often happens suddenly. A car accident, a plane crash, a fatal fight, a war, a flood, and so on. When we feel healthy and full of energy, we do not think much about our own death. Still, death might come very unexpectedly.

How can we be prepared to die? By not having any unfinished business. The question is. Have I forgiven those who have hurt me and asked forgiveness from those I have hurt? When I feel at peace with all the people who are part of my life, my death might cause great grief but it will not cause guilt or anger.

When we are ready to die at any moment, we are also ready to live at any moment.

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 also 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 its reward. Hence, we can be confident that He will be pleased with our prayers.

WHAT IS LIFE?

Life is the time we are given by God

To be lived upon this earth...

Will it be a time to remember

Or a time of not much worth?

Since God is the One Who gives us our time,

Wouldn't it be nice to share

Every moment given to us—

Our sorrow, our joy, our prayers?

With Him we can do all things!

Without Him we haven't a chance!

The choice is whether we prefer to fail

Or, every day, to advance!

—*Margaret Peterson*

A faithful friend is beyond price,
no sum can balance his worth.

—*Sirach 6:15*

UPCOMING EVENT DATES

Sunday, August 16, 2015 - 12:30 p.m. - Fr. Joseph Kolek

Saturday, October 3, 2015 - 1 p.m.

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, December 5, 2015 - 3 p.m.

Christmas Fund-raiser Dinner