

ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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August 24, 2014 - Twenty-first 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"

Mass Book page 63.

READING I - Isaiah 22:19-23

Thus says the LORD to Shebna, master of the palace: "I will thrust you from your office and pull you down from your station. On that day I will summon my servant Eliakim, son of Hilkiyah; I will clothe him with your robe, and gird him with your sash, and give over to him your authority. He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut when he shuts, no one shall open. I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot, to be a place of honor for his family."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM -

Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8

R/ Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth; in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple.

R/ Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I will give thanks to your name, because of your kindness and your truth: When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me.

R/ Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees, and the proud he knows from afar. Your kindness, O LORD, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands.

R/ Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

READING 2 -

Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor?

Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid? For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.



GOSPEL - Matthew 16:13-20

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ. This is the gospel of the Lord.

R/ Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Just As I Am"

COMMUNION HYMN - "Shepherd Me, O God"

RECESSIONAL - "Prayer of St. Francis"



St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

The Holy Alphabet

Although things are not perfect
Because of trial or pain
Continue in thanksgiving
Do not begin to blame
Even when the times are hard
Fierce winds are bound to blow
God is forever able
Hold on to what you know
Imagine life without His love
Joy would cease to be
Keep thanking Him for all the things
Love imparts to thee
Move out of "Camp Complaining"
No weapon that is known
On earth can yield the power
Praise can do alone
Quit looking at the future
Redeem the time at hand
Start every day with worship
To "thank" is a command
Until we see Him coming
Victorious in the sky
We'll run the race with gratitude
Xalting God most high
Yes, there'll be good times and yes some will be bad,
but...
Zion waits in glory...where none are ever sad!

"I am too blessed to be stressed!" The shortest distance between a problem and a solution is the distance between your knees and the floor. The one who kneels to the Lord can stand up to anything. Love and peace be with you forever, Amen.

shared by Joni's friend, Theresa Smith



Create in me
a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and
right spirit within me.

—Psalm 51:10

ST. BERNARD, 1090-1153

"A great medieval celebrity"

His feast day is August 20th. St. Bernard was born at Fontaines, a castle near Dijon, France, in 1090. His was a wealthy and noble family and his father, Tescelin Sorrel, was a Burgundian noble. Bernard was well educated and sent to Chatillon on the Seine for a complete education among secular canons. His mother, whom he loved dearly, died when Bernard was a young man. Deeply touched by her death and with a growing love of God, Bernard entered the Cistercians at Citeaux in 1112. He was joined by thirty-one companions, including four of his brothers and an uncle. The abbot of Citeaux, St. Stephen, sent Bernard and twelve companions, to establish a new monastery in the diocese of Langres in Champagne. In time, Bernard was chosen as the abbot of the monastery of Clairvaux, from which sixty-eight new monasteries were founded throughout Europe by the time of his death. As a monk, Bernard worked tirelessly to strengthen religious life. His sermons and writings, describing the workings of God with the human soul, inspired the people of his time. They were the result of Bernard's own experience of God's grace in his life. The needs of the Church and his society continually called this eloquent saint from his monastery. Popes, bishops, and princes sought his advice in matters of policy and politics. He always sought to keep the Christian faith uncompromised. The hearts of men and women throughout Europe were stirred by the faith and eloquence of the dynamic saint. His great prayers to Mary, the Mother of God - for example, his "Memorare" - are witness to his strong devotion to her as well as her Son. His prayer, Lord, what will you have me do? Here is the sign of a perfect spirit. Someone who leaves aside his or her own will so that they no longer seek or desire to do what they want, but only what God wills. Amen.

2014 ST. FRANCIS UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, August 31st - 1:00 p.m.
HOLY MASS with Fr. Joseph Cyman

There will be NO 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Saturday, October 4th - 1:00 p.m.
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 - 3:00 p.m.
**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.