

## St. Francis Polish National Catholic Church

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

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## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 7, 2016

Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow Amen.
Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.
R/. Now and forever. Amen.
9:00 AM - "Hymn of Faith"

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READING I - Wis 18:6-9

The night of the passover was known beforehand to our fathers, that, with sure knowledge of the oaths in which they put their faith, they might have courage. Your people awaited the salvation of the just and the destruction of their foes. For when you punished our adversaries, in this you glorified us whom you had summoned. For in secret the holy children of the good were offering sacrifice and putting into effect with one accord the divine institution.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 *R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.* Exult, you just, in the LORD; praise from the upright is fitting. Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he has chosen for his own inheritance. *R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.* See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness, To deliver them

from death and preserve them in spite of famine. *R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.* Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield. May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us who have put our hope in you.

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### READING II -HEBREWS 11:1-2, 8-12

Brothers and sisters: Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen. Because of it the ancients were well attested.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he sojourned in the promised land as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs of the same promise; for he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and maker is God. By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age—and Sarah herself was sterile—for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy. So it was that there came forth from one man, himself as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

R./ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,

Priest/Lector: Stay awake and be ready! For you do not

know on what day your Lord will come.

R./ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL - Luke 12:32-48

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.

"Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

Then Peter said, "Lord, is this parable meant for us or for everyone?" And the Lord replied, "Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to distribute the food allowance at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master on arrival finds doing so. Truly, I say to you, the master will put the servant in charge of all his property. But if that servant says to himself, 'My master is delayed in coming,' and begins to beat the menservants and the maidservants, to eat and drink and get drunk, then that servant's master will come on an unexpected day and at an unknown hour and will punish the servant severely and assign him a place with the unfaithful. That servant who knew his master's will but did not make preparations nor act in accord with his will shall be beaten severely; and the servant who was ignorant of his master's will but acted in a way deserving of a severe beating shall be beaten only lightly. Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more." This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - "You Raise Me Up"

COMMUNION HYMN - "One Spirit, One Church" RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Prayer of St. Francis"

# St. Francis Weekly "Faith Renewed"

Take a moment out and pray...

Health Needs: Jesus, we ask you to bring peace and your healing touch to those who are ill, afraid or worried. Amen.
 Health Needs of: Thomas Kompa, Bill Piro, Iris Cafran, Frank Kompa, John Luis Vasquez, Sophia Kyriakakis, Robert Haemer, George T. Stumper, Gregory Klein, Michael Arleo, Jim Richards, Nancy Foley, Thomas Maloney, Bill Mullan, Lorri Russo, Tyler & Nicholas Accardi, Nancy Fernandez Petrozza, Susan Leach, Stella Silva, Joy Realmuto, John Galvin, Michele Feudale, Linda Maloney, Lorraine Avitabile, Fran Pedone, Blanca Vasquez, Marion Kester, Elena Guigui, Bridget Early, Theresa Kasmark, Grandfather Vincent Ciurleo, Emma Zaradich, Joe Stewart, Constance Citrola, Elizabeth Zitzmann, Anne Grusell, Linda Frysztacki, Teresa Kay, Sidra Lewis, Billy Murphy, Ann Klein, Mary Boyle, Con Boyle, Ted Thompson, Carla Calabrese, George Knott, John Mulitz, MaryAnn McEvoy, Gary P. Ribis, Rosalie Drenckhahn, James Kostolni, Eileen McChesney, Patricia Travis & for all those who care for the sick and disabled.

Requiem Intentions: Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

### ST. CLARE (1193-1253) August 11th

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.

Her Prayer:

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 beginning for those who love him — St. Clare

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY - Henri Nouwen A reflection of wisdom and faith...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 where we experience our own and other people's weaknesses, limitations and 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.

### **HIS WORDS - POVERTY**

"For he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to held. He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death."

—Psalm 72:12-13

"When another person
makes you suffer, it is because
he suffers deeply within himself,
and his suffering is spilling over.
He does not need punishment; he needs help.
That's the message he is sending."
— Thich Nhat Hanh