

# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*Sunday, August 9, 2015*

*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.

8:00 AM - "*Hymn of Faith*"

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READING I - Kings 19:4-8

Elijah went a day's journey into the desert, until he came to a broom tree and sat beneath it. He prayed for death saying: "This is enough, O LORD! Take my life, for I am no better than my fathers." He lay down and fell asleep under the broom tree, but then an angel touched him and ordered him to get up and eat. Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water. After he ate and drank, he lay down again, but the angel of the LORD came back a second time, touched him, and ordered, "Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!" He got up, ate, and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

**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 afflicted man called out, the LORD heard,

And from all his distress he saved him.

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him and delivers them. Taste and see how good the LORD is; blessed the man who takes refuge in him.

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

READING 2 - Ephesians 4:30-5:2

Brothers and sisters: Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were sealed for the day of redemption. All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice. And be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.

So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

**R:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest/Lector: I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

**R:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL - John 6:41-51

The Jews murmured about Jesus because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven," and they said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph? Do we not know his father and mother? Then how can he say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" Jesus answered and said to them, "Stop murmuring among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day. It is written in the prophets: They shall all be taught by God. Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. 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."

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 - "*Sing of the Lord's Goodness*"

**BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY - Henri Nouwen  
HIDDENNESS,  
A PLACE OF INTIMACY**

Hiddenness is an essential quality of the spiritual life. Solitude, silence, ordinary tasks, being with people without great agendas, sleeping, eating, working, playing...all of that without being different from others, that is the life that Jesus lived and the life he asks us to live. It is in hiddenness that we, like Jesus, can increase "in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and with people" (Luke 2:52). It is in hiddenness that we can find a true intimacy with God and a true love for people. Even during his active ministry, Jesus continued to return to hidden places to be alone with God. If we don't have a hidden life with God, our public life for God cannot bear fruit.

**ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE  
August 14**

This Polish Franciscan priest died in 1941 of a lethal ingestion administered to him in a cell in Auschwitz. Father Kolbe had actually volunteered to die — that is, to take the place of a fellow prisoner condemned to death. In his book Making Saints Kenneth Woodward observes that, upon his papal canonization on November 9, 1982, Maximilian Kolbe became a new kind of Saint, "a martyr of charity."

St. Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us!

**WALK WITH ME**

My Jesus, my friend,  
walk with me today.  
Hand in hand, guide me to learn  
and to know what is good.  
Arm in arm, help me to grow  
in my faith  
and in love for others.  
Side by side,  
stay by me to protect me  
and show me your ways.  
Heart to heart, help me to pray  
and to be all that  
You want me to be.  
Thank You. Jesus,  
for the special love  
You have for me. Amen.

**PRAY FOR US**

Pray for the victims of our troubled world, pray for those caught in conflict, for the sick, for the addicted, for our faithfully departed, those who hunger and thirst, pray for one another. Pray for Peace!

**SAINT CLARE - August 11**

Clare was the daughter of a count. She heard St. Francis preach in the streets of Assisi and told him of her desire to give herself to God. They became close friends. Clare refused to marry at 15. At the age of 18 she left her castle with one companion and went to the church of Our Lady of the Angels, where she met Francis and his Brothers. In that poor little church she received a rough woolen habit, exchanged her jeweled belt for a common rope with knots in it, and consecrated her life to God at the altar of Our Lady.

In an old house outside Assisi she started her Order of the Poor Clares. Later, her sister and mother and other noble ladies joined her. They lived a life of prayer, silence, work, and fasting. One day enemies of the Church were about to attack the convent. The Saint had -the Blessed Sacrament placed in a monstrance above the gate of the convent. She prayed for help and the enemy fled. She died in 1253.

She is the patroness of Television. It seems that one Christmas Eve, when she was old and sick, she could not leave her bed to partake in the midnight services. But in her cell she heard the singing, and on its wall saw clearly, as if by television, the manger at Bethlehem!

**UPCOMING EVENT DATES**

***Sunday, August 9, 2015 - 12:30 p.m. - Fr. Joseph Kolek***

***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