

# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 15, 2013



Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus  
Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

9:30 AM - "Hymn of Faith"

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READING I - Ex 32:7-11, 13-14

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once to your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt, for they have become depraved. They have soon turned aside from the way I pointed out to them, making for themselves a molten calf and worshiping it, sacrificing to it and crying out, 'This is your God, O Israel, who brought you out of the land of Egypt!' "I see how stiff-necked this people is," continued the LORD to Moses. Let me alone, then, that my wrath may blaze up against them to consume them. Then I will make of you a great nation."

But Moses implored the LORD, his God, saying, "Why, O LORD, should your wrath blaze up against your own people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with such great power and with so strong a hand? Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and how you swore to them by your own self, saying, 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky; and all this land that I promised, I will give your descendants as their perpetual heritage.'" So the LORD relented in the punishment he had threatened to inflict on his people.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19

**R. I will rise and go to my father.**

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.

**R. I will rise and go to my father.**

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

**R. I will rise and go to my father.**

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit; a heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn.

**R. I will rise and go to my father.**

READING II - 1 Tm 1:12-17

Beloved: I am grateful to him who has strengthened me, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he considered me trustworthy in appointing me to the ministry. I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and arrogant, but I have been mercifully treated because I acted out of ignorance in my unbelief. Indeed, the grace of our Lord has been abundant, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. This saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Of these I am the foremost. But for that reason I was mercifully treated, so that in me, as the foremost, Christ Jesus might display all his patience as an example for those who would come to believe in him for everlasting life. To the king of ages, incorruptible, invisible, the only God, honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

R./ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest/Lector: Verse. R./ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL - Luke 15:1-10

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them he addressed this parable. "What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it? And when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy and, upon his arrival home, he calls together his friends and neighbors and says to them, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.

"Or what woman having ten coins and losing one would not light a lamp and sweep the house, searching carefully until she finds it? And when she does find it, she calls together her friends and neighbors and says to them, 'Rejoice with me because I have found the coin that I lost.' In just the same way, I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents." This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Christ Be Our Light"

COMMUNION HYMN - "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Prayer of St. Francis"

# St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"



Today's Mass is offered especially for

*Jen Giglio & James Capuano*

with a sincere thank you for the use of their home and yard for the first outdoor Mass of St. Francis Parish and we, the Parishioners, wish them all God's blessings on their upcoming nuptials on December 31, 2013.

## OUR LADY OF SORROWS, September 15

The feast, popular in the Middle Ages, follows the feast of Mary's birth on September 8. It recalls the special bond between Jesus and Mary and reminds us of the torment and suffering of Christ. Mary suffered greatly as the Mother of God, and the pain she felt was real. The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows recalls the succession of sorrows Mary experienced during her life: the prophecy she heard from Simeon in the temple, the flight into Egypt, the three day loss of Jesus on the pilgrimage to Jerusalem, meeting Jesus on the way to Calvary, the hours she spent beneath the Cross, and the burial of Jesus in a tomb.

Prayer: Holy Mother, pierce me through; in my heart each wound renew of my Savior crucified.

## HIS WORDS - TRUST

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea."

—Psalm 46:1-2

## ST. MATTHEW (first century) - September 21

The call of St. Matthew, the tax collector, to be one of the twelve apostles of Jesus is described in the Gospel which bears his name. "Jesus saw a man named Matthew at his post where taxes were collected. He said to him, 'Follow me!' And Matthew got up and followed him."

It is hard to imagine a more unlikely person for Jesus to call as a companion than Matthew. Tax collectors, as agents of a hated Roman government and members of a profession known for unfairness and greed, were despised by the Jewish people. They were excluded from the synagogue and the temple. No good Jew would have anything to do with them.

When Jesus invited Matthew to follow him and then ate at his house where Matthew's friends, outsiders like himself, were gathered, he heard the outraged comments of Capernaum's local leaders "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" Jesus answered simply, "Those who are well have no need of a doctor, sick people do."

By calling Matthew, Jesus invited an outcast to enjoy the healing friendship of God. In a lesson of love, he showed that God wants all, no matter who they are, to share his life.

According to tradition, Matthew wrote down the stories and words of Jesus in Aramaic, the ancient language of Palestine. The first Gospel had its origin in him. Among the evangelists he is symbolized by the figure of a man,



*Happy 10<sup>th</sup>  
Wedding  
Anniversary  
Fr. Andrew  
& Monika*

because Matthew's Gospel begins with the human origins of Jesus. There are reports that Matthew left Judea and preached in the East, where he was martyred in Ethiopia.

— O God, may we follow your call.

## JUST A THOUGHT... COURAGE

"YOU SHALL BE FREE indeed when your days are not without a care nor your nights without a want and a grief. But rather when these things girdle your life and yet you rise above them naked and unbound." - Kahlil Gibran



## MARK THE DATES!

### Sunday, September 15, 9:30 a.m. - TODAY

Our outdoor Mass and 1-hour Boat Ride from Freeport Water Taxi & Tours (\$10).

### Saturday, October 5, 1 p.m.

Blessing of the Animals. Tell your friends and their pets. Each pet will receive a St. Francis medal.

### Sunday, December 8, 3 p.m.

St. Nicholas Fund-raiser Dinner  
All are welcome. Ask how you can help. Cook, donate a raffle prize, set-up, wash dishes, sell raffles at the dinner, etc.

