

ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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September 25, 2011 - Twenty-Sixth 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.

9:00 AM - "Hymn of Faith"

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READING I - 1 Ez 18:25-28

Thus says the LORD: You say, "The LORD's way is not fair!" Hear now, house of Israel: Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair? When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die. But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, he does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life; since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14.

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old. The sins of my youth and my frailties remember not; in your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble his way.

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

READING II - Phil 2:1-11

Brothers and sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others.

Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ

Jesus, Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Priest/Altar Server: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Verse. R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL - Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not, ' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, 'but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." This is the gospel of the Lord.

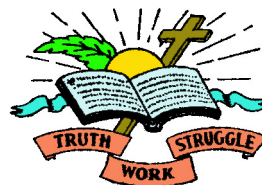
R/: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN - "*Sweet Hour of Prayer*"

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COMMUNION HYMN - "*O Lord I Am Not Worthy*"
& "*Sing of the Lord's Goodness*"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "*Be Not Afraid*"



St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

STS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL

September 29

Holy Scripture speaks of angels as ministers of God in human affairs. St. Michael defends the honor of God against Satan. St Gabriel announced to Mary the coming of Jesus. St Raphael guided Tobias on his journey and brought healing to Tobit, his blind father. As servants of God, the angels are instruments of God's hidden providence. They preserve us from harm, give God's wisdom and strength to humanity, and accompanies us on our journey through life. Their prayer, We thank you, Lord, with all our hearts; in the presence of your angels we bless you. Amen.

CELEBRATION FOR THE ANGELS, September 29

There is no answer to those who say "I don't believe in angels." Perhaps you haven't met any yet, at least angels you recognized. 'The fact is that Church teaching picks up on God's revelation clearly taught in the earliest books of the Bible; Angels are God's creatures too. We may not know who or what they truly are, but God has told us angels are real. The great Feast of the Archangels on September 29 is a reminder of this teaching. That feast day honors three great archangels celebrated in both Old and New Testament books of the Bible; Michael (traditionally honored on September 29), Gabriel (whose feast had been celebrated on March 24), and Raphael (who for many years had been honored with a feast on October 24.) In the current Church calendar, the Feast of the Archangels, calls our attention to the importance of archangels - special messengers of God. Here is a quick look at these great Archangels whom we celebrate and whose patronage we ask on September 29. +St. Michael has long been a favorite of artists in his role as soldier and warrior who defends God's people. He is the messenger of God's love and tender care for His people. You can read about him in the Book of Daniel, (10:13 and 12:1) In the New Testament, you find Michael in the Book of Revelation, (12:7-9) +St. Gabriel proclaims the coming of the saviour to the Virgin Mary, (Luke 1:26-38) In the same book, he announces the pending birth of John the Baptizer to his father, Zecharian. (Luke 1 11-21) Like Michael, Gabriel plays a significant role in the Book of Daniel, bringing wisdom and knowledge to God's people in exile. (Dan. 8 16-26, and 9; 21-27) +St. Raphael is traditionally God's agent of healing and patron of the blind. In the Book of Tobit, St. Raphael is a healer of human relationships as well, even taking human form to remind people of God's loving presence among them. (Tobit 12: 12, 15) Identified as one of the seven archangels always standing before God, Raphael bears a name that in Hebrew means "God heals." In St. John's Gospel, it is Raphael who is cited as the angel who moves the waters of the healing pool of Bethesada. (John 5: 1-4) On this feast day, ask God to help you see and recognize the "angels" God may be sending your way, especially in moments when faith may be tested. May God also help you know when you are called to be an "angel" to others in need.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Saturday, October 1, 2011 • 1:00 p.m.



Bring your
dogs, cats, hamsters,
gerbils, birds, fish, ferrets,
turtles, lizards, etc.



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BLESSING FOR ALL ANIMALS

Blessed are you, Lord God, Maker of all living creatures, On the fifth and sixth days of creation you called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. You inspired St. Francis to call all animals his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless this animal. By the power of your love enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen.



HIS WORDS - FRUITFULNESS

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. "I am the vine, you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." -John 15:1-5

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