

September 4, 2011 - Twenty-Third 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"
Mass Book page 63

READING I - Ez 33:7-9

Thus says the LORD: You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me. If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die," and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;
let us acclaim the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship; let
us kneel before the LORD who made us.

For he is our God, and we are the people
he shepherds, the flock he guides.

*R. If today you hear his voice, harden
not your hearts.*

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:
"Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as in the day of Massah in the desert,
Where your fathers tempted me; they
tested me though they had seen my
works."

*R. If today you hear his voice, harden
not your hearts.*

READING II - Rom 13:8-10

Brothers and sisters: Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

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

GOSPEL - Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree

on earth about anything for which
they are to pray, it shall be granted to
them by my heavenly Father.

For where two or three are gathered
together in my name, there am I in
the midst of them." This is the gos-
pel of the Lord.

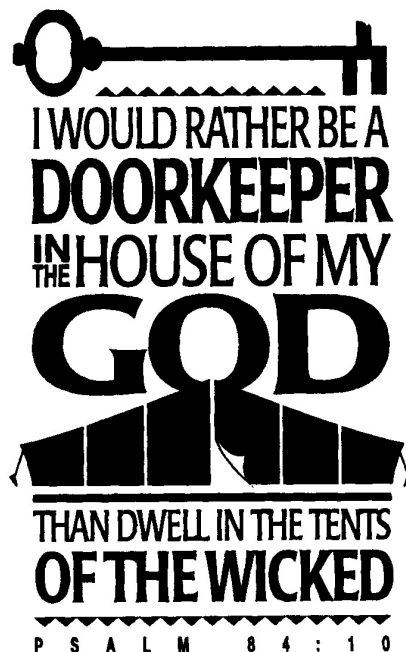
R/: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus
Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN -
"Come Thou Almighty King"

OUR FATHER -
Mass book page 95

COMMUNION HYMN - "Christ Be
Our Light"

RECESSIONAL HYMN -
"Hail Mary, Gentle Woman"



St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

THE BIRTH OF MARY

This feast day is celebrated on September 8th. Along with the birth of Jesus and St. John the Baptist, Mary's birth has been celebrated by the Church from early times. In fourth-century Jerusalem a feast of her birth was celebrated at the Church of St. Ann, probably inspiring the Church also to celebrate too, this event. Mary's birth is seen always as part of God's plan for the salvation of the world through Jesus Christ.

Mary, you are blessed,
for the mysteries of the prophets are fulfilled in you
You were in the burning bush
and in the cloud that Moses saw;
You were on the ladder rising up to heaven
that Ezechiel saw;
You were in the ark of the covenant,
that David saw.
At your birth these mysteries are fulfilled.
Glory to the Father,
who sent his only Son through you.
Adapted from an early Syrian text.

THE TRIUMPH OF THE HOLY CROSS

This feast day is celebrated on September 14th. St. Paul the Apostle spoke of the power of Christ's Cross. According to tradition, the Empress Helena discovered the Lord's Cross in Jerusalem on September 14, 320. Five years later, a great church was built on Mount Calvary by Emperor Constantine to shelter the holy relic. Parts of the wood of the Cross were sent to the major cities of Christendom, where they were shown to the faithful on this special feast. A prayer of the Holy Cross, We worship you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your Cross you have redeemed the world. By this holy tree you gave your people victory, and put aside the tree of our defeat. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS: Remember a loved one, family, or friend with a special Mass intention for Requiem or a Health Needs! This again is an opportunity to invite family and friends to Mass. Cards and Mass dates are available. Please, contact Fr. Andrew. God's care always!

HIS WORDS - PEACE: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." -John 14:27

ST. FRANCIS FALL - ANNIVERSARY DINNER

The date is set for Sunday, October 2nd, at 3 p.m. Prior to our dinner on Saturday, October 1st, we will have "Blessing of the Animals" at 1 p.m. All are welcomed! Please contribute in some way, cooking your special dish, donating cash, attending yourself, encouraging family and friends to attend, or serving the meal. There are many ways to get involved ... can we count on you? Thank you!

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY ... Henri Nouwen CHOOSING WORDS WISELY

Words are very important. When we say to someone, "You are an ugly, useless, despicable person," we might have ruined the possibility for a relationship with that person for life. Words can continue to do harm for many years. It is so important to choose our words wisely. When we are boiling with anger and eager to throw bitter words at our opponents, it is better to remain silent. Words spoken in rage will make reconciliation very hard. Choosing life and not death, blessings and not curses, often starts by choosing to remain silent or choosing carefully the words that open the way to healing.

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS...Helen Steiner Rice CONSTANT KINDNESS

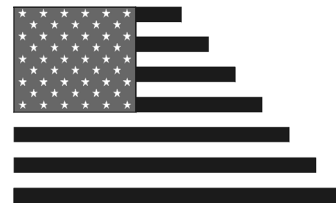
When someone does a kindness it always seems to me that's the way God up in heaven would like us all to be.
"Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name."
-Psalm 86:11

Today let your actions speak louder than your words. Give assistance and encouragement to teachers, principals, and administrators as a new school term begins!

ST. FRANCIS NOTES ...

*LABOR DAY: Monday, September 5th, this holiday is in honor of laborers. Our summer season comes to a close...School Opens again...Drive Carefully!

*PATRIOT DAY: Sunday, September 11th, marks the 10th anniversary of 9/11/01. Come to a beautiful, moving, free sunrise memorial service at Town Park Point Lookout, 7:30 a.m. on September 11th. Find closure...Pray for those victims, pray for their families, our nation...Pray for Peace!



**SAVE THE DATES for
ST. FRANCIS UPCOMING EVENTS**
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2011 - 1 p.m.
Blessing of the Animals by Father Andrew
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2011 - 3 p.m.
St. Francis Fall Fund-raiser Dinner.
Volunteer to help.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2011 - 3 p.m.
Christmas Dinner Fund-raiser