



ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN - *"Hymn of Faith"*

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READING I - Wis 9:13-18b

Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what the LORD intends? For the deliberations of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans. For the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns. And scarce do we guess the things on earth, and what is within our grasp we find with difficulty; but when things are in heaven, who can search them out? Or who ever knew your counsel, except you had given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn man back to dust,
saying, "Return, O children of men."
For a thousand years in your sight
are as yesterday, now that it is past,
or as a watch of the night.

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You make an end of them in their sleep; the next
morning they are like the changing grass, Which at
dawn springs up anew, but by evening wilts and fades.

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain
wisdom of heart. Return, O LORD! How long?
Have pity on your servants!

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.
And may the gracious care of the LORD our God be
ours; prosper the work of our hands for us!
Prosper the work of our hands!

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

READING II - Phmn 9-10, 12-17

I, Paul, an old man, and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus, urge you on behalf of my child Onesimus, whose father I have become in my imprisonment; I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I should have liked to retain him for myself, so that he might serve me on your behalf in my imprisonment for the gospel, but I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that the good you do might not be forced but voluntary. Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a brother, beloved especially to me, but even more so to you, as a man and in the Lord. So if you regard me as a partner, welcome him as you would me.

Priest or Cantor: Alleluia (3x)

R./ Alleluia (3x). Verse R./ Alleluia (3x).

GOSPEL - Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.' Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms. In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." This is the gospel of the Lord

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

GENERAL CONCESSIONS: **God, Hear Us!**

OFFERTORY HYMN - *"Come, Thou Almighty King"*

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COMMUNION - *"On Eagle's Wings"*

RECESSIONAL HYMN - *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

+ THE BIRTH OF MARY + September 8

Along with the birth of Jesus and St. John the Baptist, Mary's birth has been celebrated by the Church from early times. 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.

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!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!
for our
FALL FUNDRAISER DINNER
ON
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19!
PLEASE ASK HOW!!!!

ST. FRANCIS NOTES ...

***LABOR DAY:** Monday, September 6th, this holiday is in honor of labor. Our summer season comes to a close...School Opens again...Drive Carefully!

***PATRIOT DAY:** Saturday, September 11th, marks the 9th anniversary of 9/11/01. Come to a 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!

***THANK YOU!!!** To all who helped, donated items, or helped in ways known or unknown...making our Church Yard Sale last weekend a G R E A T success! A rewarding fundraiser for St. Francis. Thank You to All!

PRAYER, SPEAKING TO GOD ...

The Lord manifests Himself to those who pause while in peace and humility of heart. If you look into the murky and turbulent waters, you cannot see your own countenance. If you want the face of Christ to appear in your countenance, pause, collect your thoughts in silence, and shut the door of the soul to the noise of exterior things.

The greetings of the angels and the blessings of the Good are not for those who live in public squares, that is, outside of themselves, agitated and distracted. The sweet "Ave", was addressed to the Virgin Mary when she was absorbed in prayer, in the privacy of her house ... God, in order to be able to speak to the soul and fill it with the Knowledge of his love, leads it to the solitude, detaching it from preoccupations of earthly things. He speaks to the ears of those who are silent and makes them hear His secrets.

(From the Sermons of St. Anthony)



SAVE THE DATES for ST. FRANCIS UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2010
Autumn Fundraiser Dinner. Volunteer to help.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2010
Blessing of the Animals by Father Andrew

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2010
Christening of Robert Koterba

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2010
Christmas Fundraiser Dinner

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2010
Choir Concert Fundraiser