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Sunday, September 6, 2015
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.

8:00 AM - "Hymn of Faith"

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READING I - Is 35:4-7a

Thus says the LORD: Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. Streams will burst forth in the desert, and rivers in the steppe. The burning sands will become pools, and the thirsty ground, springs of water.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The God of Jacob keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets captives free.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The LORD gives sight to the blind; the LORD raises up those who were bowed down. The LORD loves the just; the LORD protects strangers.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The fatherless and the widow the LORD sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts.

The LORD shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

READING 2 - Jas 2:1-5

My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. For if a man with gold rings and fine clothes comes into your assembly, and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Sit here, please," while you say to the poor one, "Stand there," or "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil designs?

Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest/Lector: Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people.

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL - Mark 7:31-37

Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"-- that is, "Be opened!" -- And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Christ Be Our Light"

COMMUNION HYMNS- "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Be Not Afraid"



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. In fourth-century Jerusalem a feast of her birth was celebrated at the Church of St. Ann, probably inspiring the Church of Rome 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.

O 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.

LABOR DAY!

Monday, September 7th, this holiday is in honor of labor. Our summer season comes to a close... schools are open again! Drive extra carefully!

The Lord has filled my heart with joy.
—Samuel 2:1

*Simple pleasures are the last healthy refuge
in a complex world.*
—Oscar Wilde



MARK THE DATES!

Saturday, October 3, 2015 - 1 p.m.
Blessing of the Animals. Ask how you can help.

Sunday, December 5, 2015 - 3 p.m.
Christmas Fund-raiser Dinner. Ask how you can help.



TODAY'S MASS INTENTIONS:

*Requiem Intentions for: Kathleen J. Kehoe
offered by Thomas & Lorraine Kompa*

PATRIOT DAY, September 11

Honor America's Heroes. Fly the Flag! PRAY FOR OUR NATION. United we stand in thought and prayer. Remember the victims and rescue workers, of the terrorist attack of 9-11-01...and for the innocent victims that still followed...Pray for our military men and women, for their families, for peace everywhere and especially the peace and safety of our nation. Pray for Peace! The Town of Hempstead 9-11 Memorial Service will be held at Town Park Point Lookout (Meadowbrook Parkway South to Loop Parkway to the end) at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, September 11th. It is an interactive service including carnations to cast into the ocean or a reflecting pool, American flags with tags to write a blessing or victim's name, a fly over with doves, and a wall on which to write thoughts or prayers, along with reflective thoughts from a victim's relative, Supervisor Kate Murray, a rabbi, a priest and a reverend. Experience closure & peace at this moving sunrise service. All are welcome.

**BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY...Henri Nouwen
THE COMPANIONSHIP OF THE DEAD**

As we grow older we have more and more people to remember, people who have died before us. It is very important to remember those who have loved us and those we have loved. Remembering them means letting their spirits inspire us in our daily lives. They can become part of our spiritual communities and gently help us as we make decisions on our journeys. Parents, spouses, children, and friends can become true spiritual companions after they have died. Sometimes they can become even more intimate to us after death than when they were with us in life. Remembering the dead is choosing their ongoing companionship.