

ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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October 24, 2010 - Thirtieth 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.

ENTRANCE HYMN - "Hymn of Faith"

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READING I - Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

The LORD is a God of justice, who knows no favorites.

Though not unduly partial toward the weak,
yet he hears the cry of the oppressed.

The Lord is not deaf to the wail of the orphan,
nor to the widow when she pours out her complaint.

The one who serves God willingly is heard;
his petition reaches the heavens. The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest till it reaches its goal, nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds, judges justly and affirms the right, and the Lord will not delay.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the LORD;
the lowly will hear me and be glad.

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

The LORD confronts the evildoers,
to destroy remembrance of them from the earth.
When the just cry out, the Lord hears them,
and from all their distress he rescues them.

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted;
and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.
The LORD redeems the lives of his servants;
no one incurs guilt who takes refuge in him.

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

READING II - 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Beloved: I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have

longed for his appearance. At my first defense no one appeared on my behalf, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the proclamation might be completed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Priest or Cantor: Alleluia (3x)

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

GOSPEL - Luke 18:9-14

Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else. "Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity -- greedy, dishonest, adulterous -- or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.' But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." This the gospel of the Lord.

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

GENERAL CONCESSIONS: God, Hear Us!

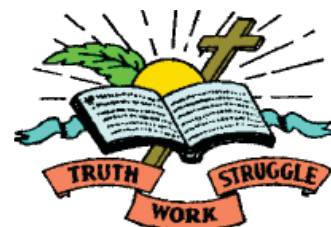
OFFERTORY HYMN - "How Great Thou Art"

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COMMUNION - "Here I Am Lord"

RECESSIONAL HYMN -

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"



St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

ST. SIMON & ST. JUDE (first century) October 28

Little is known of Sts. Simon and Jude except that they were chosen by Jesus as apostles and appear well down on the list of twelve. They do not figure prominently in the Gospel stories, as do some other apostles. After Jesus' Ascension there is no reliable account of what happened to them. Stories of their founding the Church in Syria and Egypt are groundless.

Unlike Sts. Peter and Paul, whose words and deeds are widely reported in Scripture and whose achievements dramatically affected the society of their day, Simon and Jude appear to have done little in their lives that was notable. Yet the Church celebrates them among her founders, seeing their preaching revealing God to us and their prayers aiding her growth.

The apostles were not all of one mold. Some, like Peter and Paul, were active public figures immersed in the controversy and changing movements of their time. Others, perhaps like Simon and Jude, may have taken a quieter path. Yet their voices too have been heard through all the earth.

Not only brilliant, active, and achieving apostles communicate the faith. Some, also apostles, may pass on this treasure in simpler, unnoticed ways; ordinary sowers, they cast the seed of faith undramatically on a world waiting for harvest.

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY...Henri Nouwen LOVING THE CHURCH

Loving the church often seems close to impossible. Still we must keep reminding ourselves that all people in the Church—whether powerful or powerless, conservative or progressive, tolerant or fanatic—belong to that long line of witnesses moving through this valley of tears, singing songs of praise and thanksgiving, listening to the voice of their Lord, and eating together from the bread that keeps multiplying as it is shared. When we remember that, we may be able to say, "I love the Church, and I am glad to belong to it."

Loving the Church is our sacred duty. Without a true love for the Church, we cannot live in it in joy and peace. And without a true love for the church, we cannot call people to it.



+ PRAYERS TO ST. JUDE + PRAYER FOR HEALING

Blessed Saint Jude, I am in great distress. I feel as if my life is ebbing away. I seek healing from our Lord God, the source of all healing. I am in great peril. In my heart I know that a single loving thought from the Lord or a mere glance from his loving eyes can instantly redeem and restore me. I pray for your intercession on my account and ask you to pray with me and for me to the Lord that he will feel compassion toward me and heal my affliction. Amen.

PRAYER TO ST. JUDE

O Saint Jude, friend and holy apostle who devoted your life to serving Jesus and spreading his teachings, pray for me and with me to our Lord that a swift resolution might be found for my great need. I feel so desperately alone and afraid. Saint Jude, you are my last resort. Please help me (mention your request). Hear and carry my prayer for assistance that our loving God might have mercy upon me I will honor you, Saint Jude, and forever be grateful for your favor. Amen.

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS...Helen Steiner Rice GOLDEN FRIENDSHIP

The golden chain of friendship is a strong and blessed tie, binding kindred hearts together as the years go passing by.

'Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, to those who are upright in heart.' —Psalm 125:4

Today polish your chain of friendship. Keep it tarish-free!

ST. FRANCIS NOTES...

Prayerful Remembrance: The church sets aside the month of November to remind you to pray for your faithful departed. All Souls Day is November 2nd. Please enclose to Father Andrew the names of your faithfully departed family and friends, who you would like to be remembered during Mass in November.



SAVE THE DATES for ST. FRANCIS UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2010
Christmas Dinner Fundraiser

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2010
Choir Concert Fundraiser