



ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace! — St. Francis
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Baptism of the Lord - January 10, 2010

Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus. **R/. Na wieki, wiekow Amen.**
Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ. **R/. Now and forever. Amen.**

9:00 AM - Celebration of the Eucharist - "Hymn of Faith"

CONTEMPORARY RITE - Mass Book page 63

READING I - Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Give to the Lord, you sons of God, give to the Lord glory and praise.
Give to the Lord the glory due His name; adore the Lord in holy attire.

R/. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters, the Lord,
is over the vast waters.
The voice of the Lord is mighty; the voice of the Lord is majestic.

R/. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

The God of glory thunders, and in His temple all say, "Glory".
The Lord is enthroned above the flood;
the Lord is enthroned as king forever..

R/. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

READING II - Acts 10:34-38

Priest/Lector: ALLELUIA. **R/: ALLELUIA.** The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard:
this is my beloved Son; hear him. **R/: ALLELUIA.**

GOSPEL - Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

The people were full of anticipation, wondering in their hearts whether John might be the Messiah. John answered them all by saying: "I am baptizing you in water, but there is one to come who is mightier than I. I am not fit to loosen his sandal strap. He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and in fire.

When all the people were baptized, and Jesus was at prayer after likewise being baptized, the skies opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in visible form like a dove. A voice from heaven was heard to say, "You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests." This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS - RESPONSE - **GOD, HEAR US!**

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Holy God We Praise Thy Name"

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COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE - "Down in the River to Pray"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Prayer of St. Francis"



St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

COMMEMORATION OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

THE CHRISTMAS CYCLE ... SEASON AFTER EPIPHANY

This period, which begins the day after the Octave of Epiphany, is an extension of Christmastide. Jesus asserts His Divinity — not by the appearance of angels or the star of the Magi, but speaking Himself as God. He subjects our hearts to His teachings, explaining His divine doctrine with parables and manifesting the truth of His words and works by many miracles.

At the time of our Lord, Palestine contained four provinces; Peraea, Judea, Samaria and Galilee. It was in the province of Galilee that the miracles and preaching of Jesus took place.

At Cana, He changed the water into wine - His first miracle, at the request of His mother. At Nazareth, He preached His doctrine and "all wondered at these things that proceeded that proceeded from the mouth of God," In Galilee, a word of our Lord cleansed the leper. From the shore of the Lake of Genesareth, He miraculously stilled the storm. All these miracles He performed to show His apostles that He was God.

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY ...

Henri Nouwen

GROWING BEYOND SELF-REJECTION

One of the greatest dangers in the spiritual life is self-rejection. When we say, "If people really knew me, they wouldn't love me," we choose the road toward darkness. Often we are made to believe that self-depreciation is a virtue, called humility. But humility is in reality the opposite of self-deprecation. It is the grateful recognition that we are precious in God's eyes and that all we are is pure gift. To grow beyond self-rejection we must have the courage to listen to the voice calling us God's beloved sons and daughters, and the determination always to live our lives according to this truth.



LITTLE MESSAGES OF HOPE

If you look at the sunset and smile, then you still have hope. If you can see the good in other people, then you still have hope. If you meet new people with a trace of excitement and optimism, then you still have hope. If you still give people the benefit of the doubt, then you still have hope. If the suffering in others still fills you with pain, then you still have hope. If you still watch love stories or want endings to be happy, then you still have hope. If you can look at the past and smile, then you still have hope. If you still offer your hand of friendship to those who have touched your life, then you still have hope. If you refuse to let a friendship die, or accept that it must end, then you still have very much hope.
—Author Unknown

ST. FRANCIS NOTES ...

THANKFULNESS: Last Sunday, our Parish received a beautiful 11-piece outdoor Nativity set. Given in the Memory of +Anna Ruggiero+, who died on December 25, 2009, donated by Maria (daughter) and William Piro. Our many thanks for this kind and generous gift! Our prayers and thanks continue ...

CHRISTMAS CARDS: once again we can recycle those Christmas cards. Lorraine Kompa is collecting the covers of Christmas and all greeting cards, to be donated to a local American Legion, for the use in crafts for our Veterans Hospital.

FREEPORT ANIMAL SHELTER is in a continual need for towels and blankets, pet foods, and cleaning fluids. Tom and Lorraine Kompa will collect any items you can donate for this charity. Thank you!

HOUSE BLESSINGS: Fr. Andrew is again offering this tradition to all during the month of January. If you are interested, please contact Father for a visit.

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS ...

Helen Steiner Rice

SHOW ME THE WAY

Show me the way, not to fortune or fame, not to win laurels or praise for my name ... But show me the way to spread the great story that Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory.

"I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory." —Psalm 63:2

Today concentrate on ways to spread the 'Good News.'