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SECOND 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 - **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** "Hymn of Faith"

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READING I - 1 Sm 3, 3-10; 19

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 40, 2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

R/ Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I have waited, waited for the Lord, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.
And he put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God.

R/ Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Sacrifice or oblation you wished not, but ears open to obedience you gave me.
Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not; then said I, "Behold I come."

R/ Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

"In the written scroll it is prescribed for me, to do your will, PO my God, is my delight,
And your law is within my heart!"

R/ Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I announced your justice in the vast assembly; I did not restrain my lips, as you, O Lord, know.

R/ Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

READING II - 1 Corinthians 6, 13-15, 17-20

Priest/Lector: ALLELUIA. **R/: ALLELUIA.** Verse. **R/: ALLELUIA.**

GOSPEL - John 1, 35-42 A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John

John was in Bethany across the Jordan with two of his disciples. As he watched Jesus walk by he said, "Look! There is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard what he said, and followed Jesus. When Jesus turned around and noticed them following him, he asked them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi (which means Teacher), where do you stay?" "Come and see," he answered. So they went to see where he was lodged, and stayed with him that day. (It was about four in the afternoon.)

One of the two who had followed him after hearing John was Simon Peter's brother Andrew. The first thing he did was seek out his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah!" (which means the Anointed). He brought him to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon, son of John; your name shall be Cephas (which is rendered Peter)."

This is the gospel of the Lord. **R/: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

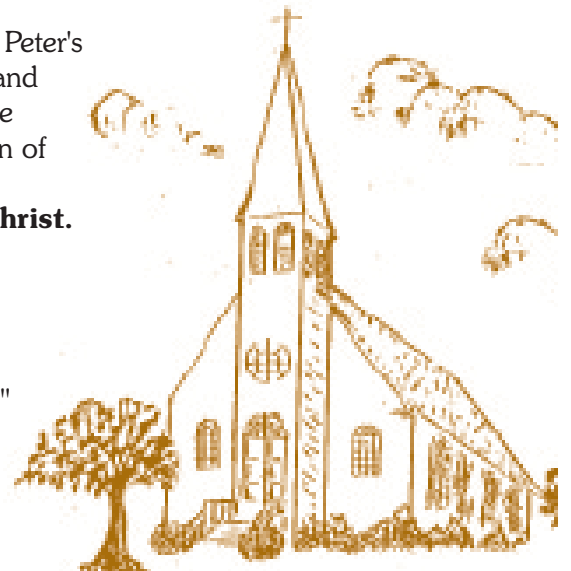
GENERAL CONCESSIONS

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Fairest Lord Jesus"

OUR FATHER - page 95

COMMUNION HYMNS - "Here I Am Lord" & "In Thy Protection"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "We Gather Together"



St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"



ST. AGNES (d.304) January 21

Toward the end of his reign, Emperor Diocletian, fearful that Christians were causing the gradual decline of the Roman empire, began a general persecution of the Church in the year 303. For about two years, the Christians of Rome lived in fear.

Agnes, born into a wealthy family, was a beautiful young girl of thirteen. She was brought before the Roman governor by some young men who were incensed by her refusal to marry them. They brought the ordeal to trial in the hope that it would shake her belief in Jesus Christ and bring her over to their sensual style of life.

At first, the judge tried to coax her to renounce her faith by promises of a luxurious and comfortable life. When Agnes remained firm, he tried to terrify her by showing the instruments of torture she would experience if she did not yield. Agnes was then sent to a house of prostitution. Upon her release, she angered the governor when she bravely defended her vow to give herself only to Christ. As a result, he had her executed by the sword. Christians honored this young, defenseless girl for her invincible faith and celebrated her memory by building a great shrine in Rome over the place where she was buried on the Via Nomentana.

‘The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want.’ —Psalm 22

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY... Henri Nouwen FINDING SOLITUDE

All human beings are alone. No other person will completely feel like we do, think like we do, act like we do. Each of us is unique, and our aloneness is the other side of our uniqueness. The question is whether we let our aloneness become loneliness or whether we allow it to lead us into solitude. Loneliness is painful; solitude is peaceful. Loneliness makes us cling to others in desperation; solitude allows us to respect others in their uniqueness and create community.

Letting our aloneness grow into solitude and not into loneliness is a lifelong struggle. It requires conscious choices about whom to be with, what to study, how to pray, and when to ask for counsel. But wise choices will help us to find the solitude where our hearts can grow in love.

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS ... Helen Steiner Rice WORSHIP

I come not to ask, to plead, or implore You, I just come to tell You how much I adore You!

“I trust in God’s unfailing love for ever and ever.” —Psalm 52:8

Today express your love for God in a way that is pleasing to Him... by living His commandments!

ST. FRANCIS PARISH GIVES THANKS ...

We at St. Francis pray for and give thanks to the following who generously donated to our 2008 Christmas Dinner and Adopt-A-Family Program: John F. Blenn, Carole Fitzgerald & especially Stanley Dzikowski (trust agreement dated 12-09-05). We urge our parishioners to patronize the following local businesses who donated either gifts for the raffle, gift certificates or money: Oberle Florist, Borrelli's Italian Family Restaurant, Sikorski Polish Foods, Charles O'Shea Funeral Home, Roslyn Savings Bank, Leo Kearns Funeral Home and especially, Rapacki Polish Foods (Linda & Frank).

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Celebration of the Eucharist

HYMN OF FAITH

To Thee we come, O Lord our God,
Before Thine altar Father,
Thou knowest best
 our yearning hearts,
This supplication answer.
Lift up from want thy people, Lord.
 Bless us O God,
O Father bless our toil.

Under Thy Cross we stand prepared,
To serve Thee with devotion,
Be it with sweat of blood or tears,
Or humble resignation.
For we Thy people are, O Lord,
Save us O God,
 O Father bless our toil.

Offertory Hymn

FAIREST LORD JESUS

Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and Man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's Glory,
Joy and Crown.

Fair are the meadows,
Fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming
 garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine,
Fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior, King of Creation,
Son of God & Son of Man
Truly I'd love Thee,
Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Communion Hymn

HERE I AM, LORD

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night.
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

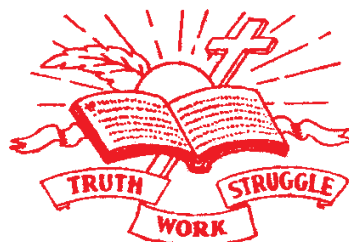
Here I am, Lord.
Is it I Lord?
I have heard you
 calling in the night,
I will go, Lord,
 if you lead me.
I will hold your people
 in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
My hand will save.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
They turn away.
Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Post Communion Hymn

IN THY PROTECTION

In Thy protection,
Father in Heaven,
Lo we Thy children
place our life our all.
Lord wilt Thou bless us,
Save us from temptation,
Keep us from danger
lest in sin we fall.

Though all be peaceful,
though storms beset us,
In Thy protection
we shall find our rest.
Father we pray Thee,
Humbly we beseech Thee,
Deliver us, Thy children
Thou hast blessed.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

We gather together
 to ask the Lord's blessing
He chastens and hastens
His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now
Cease from distressing;
Sing praises to His name,
He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us,
Our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining
His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning
the fight We were winning:
Thou, Lord, wast at our side;
All glory be Thine.

We all do extol Thee
Thou leader triumphant,
And pray that thou still
Our defender wilt be.
Let Thy congregation
Escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised,
O Lord, make us free.