

ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace! — St. Francis
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Sunday, January 24, 2010 • **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.**

9:00 AM - **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

Entrance Hymn - "We Gather Together" or "Hymn of Faith"

CONTEMPORARY RITE - Mass Book page 63



READING I - Nehemiah 8:2-4, 5-6, 8-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

R/. Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul;
The decree of the Lord is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

R/. Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
The command of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eye.

R/. Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; The ordinances of the Lord are true, all of them just.

R/. Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

Let the words of my mouth and the thought of my heart find favor before you,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

R/. Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

READING II - 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 17

Priest/Lector: ALLELUIA. **R/: ALLELUIA.** The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor,
and freedom to prisoners. **R/: ALLELUIA.**

GOSPEL - Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

The beginning of the holy gospel according to Luke. The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.

Many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events which have been fulfilled in our midst, precisely as those events were transmitted to us by the original eye-witnesses and ministers of the word. I too have carefully traced the whole sequence of events from the beginning and have decided to set it in writing for you. Theophilus, so that Your Excellency may see how reliable the instruction was that you received.

Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and his reputation spread throughout the region. He was teaching in their synagogues, and all were loud in his praise.

He came in Nazareth where he had been reared, and entering the synagogue on the sabbath as he was in the habit of doing, he stood up to do the reading. When the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed him, he unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: "The spirit of the Lord is upon me; therefore he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, Recovery of sight to the blind and release to prisoners, To announce a year of favor from the Lord."

Rolling up the scroll he gave it back to the assistant and sat down. All in the synagogue had their eyes fixed on him. Then he began by saying to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." This is the gospel of the Lord.

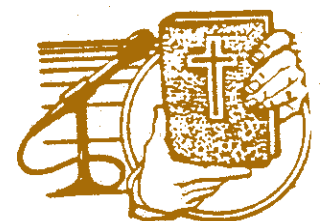
R/: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Fairest Lord Jesus"

OUR FATHER - Mass book page 95

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE - "O Lord I Am Not Worthy" and "In Thy Protection"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "On Eagles Wings"



St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

ST. TIMOTHY and ST. TITUS (first century) January 26

St. Timothy and St. Titus were coworkers of St. Paul in spreading the Gospel to the Gentile world.

As he is described in Paul's letters, Timothy was young and timid by nature. He was born in Lystra, Asia Minor. His father was Greek; his mother, Eunice, was a devout Jew who instilled in her son a warm, vibrant faith nourished in the Scriptures. Timothy was converted to Christianity by Paul about the year 47. Paul had deep affection for the young man and encouraged him to be unswerving in his ministry. Timothy was with Paul on many of his journeys and was imprisoned with him in Rome. Upon his release, he went to Ephesus and was appointed its first bishop. Tradition reports that Timothy was martyred under Emperor Nerva in 97.

St. Titus was converted by Paul and also was considered to be one of his closest associates. His solid faith, zeal, and capacity for administration prompted Paul to entrust to him the care of a number of churches in Corinth. Titus was ordained Bishop of Crete by Paul and accompanied him to the Council of Jerusalem. About 65, Paul wrote Titus a letter from Macedonia concerning the spiritual administration of the Christian community of Crete. Reportedly, Titus died at Crete at the age of ninety-three.

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY...Henri Nouwen FORGIVENESS, THE CEMENT OF COMMUNITY LIFE

Community is not possible without the willingness to forgive one another "seventy-seven times" (see Matthew 18:22). Forgiveness is the cement of community life. Forgiveness holds us together through good and bad times, and it allows us to grow in mutual love.

But what is there to forgive or to ask forgiveness for? As people who have hearts that long for perfect love, we have to forgive one another for not being able to give or receive that perfect love in our everyday lives. Our many needs constantly interfere with our desire to be there for the other unconditionally. Our love is always limited by spoken or unspoken conditions. What needs to be forgiven? We need to forgive one another for not being God!

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS...Helen Steiner Rice A GOOD DAY!

Every day is a good day to lose yourself in others, and any time is a good time to see mankind as brothers.

"A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed." —Proverbs 11:25

Today accept others as they are. When you are friends with others, you are also a friend with Jesus!

ST. FRANCIS NOTES...

BLESS THIS HOUSE: Fr. Andrew, continues this tradition, to the parish and community. It is a short blessing over the entrance of your home, a brief social call, expanding our sense of community and spirituality. ... Please contact Fr. Andrew, if you are interested.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: CHRISTMAS CARDS and other greeting card (covers only) are being collected. They are donated to a local American Legion/ Senior Center, used in various craft projects, for the Veterans Hospital and St. Jude's Children Hospital. FREEPORT HUMANE SOCIETY (Animal Shelter), is in a continual need of towels, blankets, pet foods and cleaning fluids, all used in the care of animals at this shelter. Please contact Tom or Lorraine with any donations for these efforts. Thank you for your continued support!

GOOD WORKS: Fr. Andrew has completed more storage space in the ceiling of the sacristy. Enabling easy storage for all our church and holiday decorations. Our many thanks for your talents and good efforts for St. Francis!

AN INVITATION: Know that you have the power to reach out to those in spiritual need. Something as simple as an invitation to come with you to Mass...or attend a special event or program at the Parish. That may be all that is needed. A sincere, loving invitation speaks volumes. It always says, at minimum, to those invited; "I am welcome. Someone cares enough to ask me. To include me." Let's pray about it and do it!

GOOD WORKS AND GOOD DIRECTIONS...continue at St. Francis Parish! God Bless You!

ST. FRANCIS UPCOMING EVENTS

***ASH WEDNESDAY (LENT BEGINS)**

February 17, Mass 7 p.m.

***ST. PATRICK'S / ST. JOSEPH'S DINNER**

Sunday, March 21, 3 p.m.

Corned beef dinner

with Italian desserts! Sounds good!

***EASTER BASKET BLESSINGS**

Saturday, April 3, 1 p.m.

Traditional blessing
of Easter food baskets



***EASTER SUNDAY (RESURRECTION MASS)**

Sunday, April 4, 8:30 a.m.

