



ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace! — St. Francis
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Sunday, January 31, 2010 • **Fourth 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 - "*Hymn of Faith*"

CONTEMPORARY RITE - Mass Book page 63

READING I - Jeremiah 1, 4-5, 17-19

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

R/. I will sing of your salvation.

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

In your justice rescue me, and deliver me; incline your ear to me, and save me.

R/. I will sing of your salvation.

Be my rock of refuge, a stronghold to give me safety, for you are my rock and my fortress.

O my god, rescue me from the hand of the wicked.

R/. I will sing of your salvation.

For you are my hope, O Lord; my trust, O God, from my youth.

On you I depend from birth; from my mother's womb you are my strength.

R/. I will sing of your salvation.

My mouth shall declare your justice, day by day your salvation.

O God, you have taught me from my youth, and till the present I proclaim your wondrous deeds.

R/. I will sing of your salvation.

READING II - 1 Corinthians 12:31-13, 13 or 13, 4-13

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

GOSPEL - Luke 4, 21-30

Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.

Jesus began speaking in the synagogue: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." All who were present spoke favorably of him; they marveled at the appealing discourse which came from his lips. They also asked, "Is not this Joseph's son?"

He said to them, "You will doubtless quote me the proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself,' and say, 'Do here in your own country the things we have heard you have done in Capernaum.' But in fact," he went on, "no prophet gains acceptance in his native place. Indeed, let me remind you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the heavens remained closed for three and half years and a great famine spread over the land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but to a widow of Zarephath near Sidon. Recall, too, the many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one was cured except Naaman the Syrian."

At these words the whole audience in the synagogue was filled with indignation. They rose up and expelled him from the town, leading him to the brow of the hill on which it was built and intending to hurl him over the edge. But he went straight through their midst and walked away. This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - "*Come Unto Jesus*"

OUR FATHER - Mass book page 95

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE - "*Hallowed Be Forever*" and "*In Thy Protection*"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "*On Eagles Wings*"



St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

PRESENTATION OF JESUS, February 2

Forty days after his birth, Jesus was presented in the temple by Mary and Joseph to fulfill Jewish law. There he was recognized by Simeon and Anna, who were waiting for the coming Messiah. St. Luke reports the event; When the day came to purify them according to the law of Moses, the couple brought Jesus up to Jerusalem so that he could be presented to the Lord, for it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every first-born male shall be consecrated to the Lord." They came to offer in sacrifice "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons," in accord with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

There lived in Jerusalem at the time a certain man named Simeon. He was just and pious, and awaited the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It was revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not experience death until he had seen the Anointed of the Lord. He came to the temple now, inspired by the Spirit; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform for him the customary ritual of the law, he took him in his arms and blessed God in these words;

"Now, Master, you can dismiss your servant in peace; you have fulfilled your word. For my eyes have witnessed your saving deed displayed for all the peoples to see: A revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of your people Israel."

'This feast, celebrated by the Christian Churches of East and West at an early date, has also been called "Candlemas Day" because candles are blessed and lighted this day on which Simeon called Jesus "a light to the Gentiles."

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY...Henri Nouwen THE JOY OF BEING LIKE OTHERS

At first sight, joy seems to be connected with being different. When you receive a compliment or win an award, you experience the joy of not being the same as others, You are faster, smarter, or more beautiful, and it is that difference that brings you joy. But such joy is very temporary. 'True joy is hidden where we are the same as other people: fragile and mortal. It is the joy of belonging to the human race. It is the joy of being with others as a friend, a companion, a fellow traveler.

This is the joy of Jesus, who is Emmanuel: God-with-us!

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS...Helen Steiner Rice LOOK FOR THE BEST

If you desire to be happy and get rid of the misery of dread, just give up supposin' the worst things and look for the best things instead.

"Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding." —Proverbs 3:13

Today look for the good in people, places, and happenings!



ST. FRANCIS NOTES ...

BLESS THIS HOUSE: Fr. Andrew, continues this tradition, to the and community. A brief social call and blessing of your home. Expanding our sense of community and spirituality ... Please contact Fr. Andrew, if you are interested!

THANK YOU to Fr. Andrew and Monika, Tom and Lorraine Kompa for removing our Christmas decorations, last weekend. Our recently created storage area makes putting these holiday items away more easily.

CHRISTMAS CARDS and the covers of other greeting cards are being collected for a local American Legion for crafts for the Veterans Hospital and St. Jude's Children Hospital.

FREEPORT HUMANE SOCIETY is in a continual needs of towels, blankets, pet foods, pet toys and cleaning fluids, all used in the care of homeless and abandon animals at this facility. Please contact Tom or Lorraine Kompa with any items for these projects. Thank you again for your kind and generous efforts!

GROUNDHOG DAY, February 2, on this date according to legend, the groundhog comes out of hibernation; if it sees its shadow, it supposedly returns to its hole for six more weeks of winter weather.

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.



**Be A Friend and
Bring A Friend...
to Mass or extend an invitation
to attend any of our events!*