

ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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October 11, 2009 • Twenty-Eighth 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"

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READING I - Wisdom 7, 7-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: **R/: Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!**

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Return, O Lord! How long? Have pity on your servants!

R/: Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days. Make us glad, for the days when you afflicted us, for the years when we saw evil.

R/: Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Let your work be seen by your servants and your glory by their children; And may the gracious care of the Lord our God be ours; prosper the work of our hand for us! Prosper the work of our hand for us!

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READING II - Hebrews 4, 12-13

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **R./ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.** Verse. **R/ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL - Mark 10, 17-27

As Jesus was setting out on a journey a man came running up, knelt down before him and asked, "Good Teacher, what must I do to share in everlasting life?" Jesus answered, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone, You know the commandments: 'You shall not kill; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and your mother.'"

He replied, "Teacher I have kept all these since my childhood." Then Jesus looked at him with love and told him, "There is one thing more you must do. Go and sell what you have give to the poor; you will then have treasure in heaven. After that come and follow me." At these words the man's face fell. He went away sad, for he had many possessions. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples could only marvel at his words. So Jesus repeated what he had said, "My sons, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through a needle's eye than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

They were completely overwhelmed at this, and exclaimed to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus fixed his gaze on them and said, "For man it is impossible but not for God. With god all things are possible."

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

GENERAL CONCESSIONS: **God, Hear Us!**

OFFERTORY HYMN - "We Gather Together"

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COMMUNION HYMN - "One Bread, One Body"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Prayer of St. Francis"

St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

ST. HEDWIG (1174-1243) October 16

St. Hedwig was born at Andechs, Bavaria, in 1174. She was the daughter of Count Berthold IV of Andechs and married Duke Henry of Silesia in 1186 at the age of twelve. They would have seven children.

A woman of faith and love she provided care for the weak and the elderly, lepers and those in prison, travelers and the sick. Her generosity built hospitals and monasteries throughout her land, including the Cistercian monastery for nuns at Tregnitz. She intervened to make peace between her warring sons, Henry and Conrad, who were quarreling over land and power. With a mother's care she embraced the needs of all her people.

After her husband's death in 1238, she entered the monastery of Trebnitz and died there on October 15, 1243. Many miracles were attributed to her intercession.

God, giver of all gifts, make us generous to those in need.

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY... Henri Nouwen KNOWING ONE ANOTHER IN CHRIST

Often we think that we first have to know and understand one another before we gather around the Eucharistic table. Although it is good if those who share in the Body and Blood of Christ know one another personally, coming together regularly for the Eucharist creates a spiritual unity that goes far beyond the various levels of "knowing one another" in human ways. As we enter together into the sacred mysteries of the death and resurrection of Jesus by participating in the Eucharist, we gradually become one body. We truly come to know one another in Christ.

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS ... Helen Steiner Rice WORDS UNSPOKEN

Prayer is so often just words unspoken, whispered in tears by a heart that is broken ... for God is already deeply aware of the burdens we find too heavy to bear.

"I am feeble and utterly crushed; I groan in anguish of heart." —Psalm 38:8

Today exemplify tolerance and forgiveness. Promote reconciliation with those who have offended you!



MARY'S SPECIAL PRAYER

Besides the month of May, the month of October is also dedicated by the Church to Our Lady of the Rosary. Why is the Rosary an effective prayer? First, the Rosary is always focused on Jesus. It brings us to Jesus in ministry, in prayer and in relationship to the Father. At the same time, the Rosary points us to the greatest and first evangelist for Jesus: Mary, who gave birth to Jesus in our lives and time. At the heart, the Rosary is a deeply biblical prayer, its text comes from Jesus (The Lord's Prayer), and the Archangel Gabriel (The Hail Mary), as recorded in the Bible. And its mysteries send us further to God's Holy Word in the Bible. Perhaps during Mary's month of October, dedicated to the Holy Rosary, we can return again praying a Rosary a day ... and at least one decade, offered for Peace!

ST. FRANCIS NOTES...

COLUMBUS DAY! Monday, October 12, commemorates the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus (October 12, 1492). God Bless America!

THANKFULNESS... We had another "great success" in celebrating the Feast of St. Francis this past weekend. Our sincere thank you' to ALL Parishioners and Friends of St. Francis Parish, for making our 'Blessing of the Animals' (Saturday, Oct. 3) and our 'Fall Dinner' (Sunday, Oct. 4) - great successes! It is with sincere appreciation for your continued time, ideas, helping hands, talents and treasure...that has and continues to keep St. Francis Church on the go ...God Bless You All!

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UP-COMING EVENTS...

Our Christmas celebrations are soon approaching ...On Sunday, December 6th, we will hold a special Mass at 9 a.m. honoring St. Nicholas (Patron of "The anonymous gift giver"). At 3 p.m. we will hold a 'St. Nicholas Dinner'...our Christmas dinner. Ask how you can help.

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