

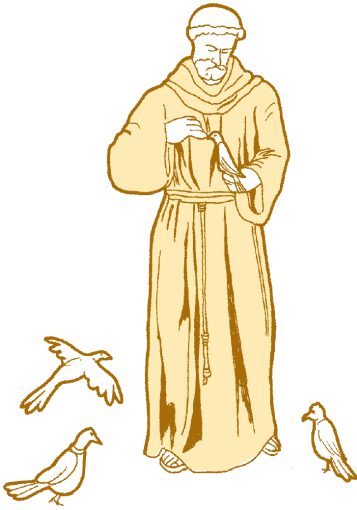
# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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October 18, 2009 • Twenty-Ninth 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 - Isaiah 53:10-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: **R/: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

Upright is the word of the Lord, and all his works are trustworthy.

He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the Lord the earth is full.

**R/: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

See, the eyes of the lord are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness,

To deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine.

**R/: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

Our soul waits for the Lord, who is our help and our shield.

May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us who have put our hope in you.

**R/: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

READING II - Hebrews 4, 14-16

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

GOSPEL - Mark 10, 17-27

Zebedee's sons, James and John, approached Jesus, "Teacher," they said, "we want you to grant our request."

"What is it?" he asked. They replied, "See to it that we sit, one at your right and the other at your left, when you

come into your glory." Jesus told them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup I shall drink

or be baptized in the same bath of pain as I?" "We can," they told him. Jesus said in response, "From the cup I drink

of you shall drink; the bath I am immersed in you shall share. But sitting at my right or my left is not mine to give;

that is for those for whom it has been reserved." The other ten, on hearing this, became indignant as James and John.

Jesus called them together and said to them: "You know how among the Gentiles those who seem to exercise

authority lord it over them; their great ones make their importance felt. It cannot be like that with you. Anyone

among you who aspires to greatness must serve the rest; whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the

needs of all. The Son of Man has not come to be served but to serve—to give his life in ransom for the many." This

is the gospel of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - "We Gather Together"

OUR FATHER - page 95

COMMUNION HYMN - "O Lord I Am Not Worthy"

POST COMMUNION HYMN - "Just As I Am"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Prayer of St. Francis"



# St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

## ST. LUKE (first century)

### October 18

Born of a pagan family, St. Luke became a convert to the Christian faith. He accompanied St. Paul on his second missionary journey and was with the apostle during his final imprisonment in Rome. Paul calls him "my dear friend Luke" in one of his epistles.

Luke compiled the third Gospel. He describes at length the infancy of Jesus and emphasizes the Lord's prayerfulness and his mercy. The great parable of the Prodigal Son is found in Luke. The evangelist writes sensitively of Jesus' regard for women as well as his interest in the underprivileged and the outcasts of his society.

In the Acts of the Apostles Luke relates the beginnings of the Church as it develops under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

He saw clearly the continuity of the Church from the time of Jesus to its later expansion into the Gentile world. In his writings the Church's roots go back to the traditions of Israel and its future will touch all the nations of the earth. The Holy Spirit, descending at Pentecost, guides her with surprising wisdom and power, leading individuals and the Church herself to undertake new ventures despite human reluctance and fear.

One tradition says that Luke died at Boeotia, in Greece, at the age of eighty-four. He is patron of painters and physicians. In art he is represented by an ox because he begins his Gospel with the account of the priest Zachary sacrificing in the temple.

## BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY - Henri Nouwen BELIEVING IN THE CHURCH

The Church is an object of faith. In the Apostles' Creed we pray, "I believe in God, the Father...in Jesus Christ, his only Son...in the holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting." We must believe in the Church! The Apostles' Creed does not say that the Church is an organization that helps us to believe in God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. No, we are called to believe in the Church with the same faith we believe in God.



Often it seems harder to believe in the Church than to believe in God. But whenever we separate our belief in God from our belief in the Church, we become unbelievers. God has given us the Church as the place where God becomes God-with-us.

## ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS

### - Helen Steiner Rice

### GOD'S NEAR YOU

Instead of just idle supposing step forward to meet each new day secured in the knowledge God's near you to lead you each step of the way.

"When you walk, your steps will not be hampered; when you run, you will not stumble."

Proverbs 4:12

Today accept the challenge that rests in the dawning of each new day. Appreciate God's presence and guidance. He will protect you if you stumble!

## "BLESSINGS"

'A good memory is one that can remember the day's blessings and forget the day's troubles.'

—Anonymous

'A person who is happy must actively enjoy his blessings.'

— Cicero

'Prayers go up and blessings come down.'

—Yiddish Proverb

## ST. FRANCIS NOTES...

UP-COMING:



### 'ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION'

Sunday, December 6

9 a.m.

Mass honoring St. Nicholas.

3 p.m.

'St. Nicholas Dinner'

...our Christmas dinner.

Please ask how you can help make this event another success for our Parish?

Thank you!