



ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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October 25, 2009 • Thirtieth 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 - I Jeremiah 31:7-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

R/: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord brought back the captives of Zion, we were like men dreaming.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with rejoicing.

R/: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Then they said among the nations, "the Lord has done great things for them."
The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad indeed.

R/: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the torrents in the southern desert.
Those that sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.

R/: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Although they go forth weeping, carrying the seed to be sown,
They shall come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves.

R/: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

READING II - Hebrews 5:1-6

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

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

GOSPEL - Mark 10:35-45

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, there was a blind beggar Bartimaeus "son of Timaeus" sitting by the roadside. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to call out, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!" Many people were scolding him to make him keep quiet, but he shouted all the louder, "Son of David, have pity on me!" Then Jesus stopped and said, "Call him over." So they called the blind man over, telling him as they did so, "You have nothing whatever to fear from him! Get up! He is calling you!" He threw aside his cloak, jumped up and came to Jesus. Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" "Rabboni," the blind man said, "I want to see." Jesus said in reply, "Be on your way! Your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and started to follow him up the road. This is the gospel of the Lord.

R./ Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman"

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COMMUNION HYMN - "Here I Am, Lord"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Prayer of St. Francis"



St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

ST. SIMON & ST. JUDE (first century) October 28

Little is known of Sts. Simon and Jude except that they were chosen by Jesus as apostles and appear well down on the list of twelve. They do not figure prominently in the Gospel stories, as do some other apostles. After Jesus' Ascension there is no reliable account of what happened to them. Stories of their founding the Church in Syria and Egypt are groundless.

Unlike Sts. Peter and Paul, whose words and deeds are widely reported in Scripture and whose achievements dramatically affected the society of their day, Simon and Jude appear to have done little in their lives that was notable. Yet the Church celebrates them among her founders, seeing their preaching revealing God to us and their prayers aiding her growth.

The apostles were not all of one mold. Some, like Peter and Paul, were active public figures immersed in the controversy and changing movements of their time. Others, perhaps like Simon and Jude, may have taken a quieter path. Yet their voices too have been heard through all the earth.

Not only brilliant, active, and achieving apostles communicate the faith. Some, also apostles, may pass on this treasure in simpler, unnoticed ways; ordinary sowers, they cast the seed of faith undramatically on a world waiting for harvest.

'Lord, may we follow and serve you.'

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY...Henri Nouwen MEETING CHRIST IN THE CHURCH

Loving the Church does not require romantic emotions. It requires the will to see the living Christ among his people and to love them as we want to love Christ himself. This is true not only for the "little" people - the poor, the oppressed, the forgotten - but also for the "big" people who exercise authority in the Church.

To love the Church means to be willing to meet Jesus wherever we go in the Church. This love doesn't mean agreeing with or approving of everyone's ideas or behavior. On the contrary, it can call us to confront those who hide Christ from us. But whether we confront or affirm, criticize or praise, we can only become fruitful when our words and actions come from hearts that love the Church.

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS...Helen Steiner Rice THE MASTER BUILDER

God is the master builder, His plans are perfect and true, and when He sends you sorrow, it's part of His plan for you.

"For you, O God, tested us; you refined us like silver."

—Psalm 66:10

Today sculpt and work on your life - for you are creating a masterpiece - a work of art in partnership with God!

BLESSINGS...

'It is one of the blessings of old friends that you can afford to be stupid with them.' —Ralph Waldo Emerson

'Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving.'

—W.T. Purkiser

'Blessed are those who have learned to laugh at themselves, for they shall never cease to be entertained.'—Anonymous

'In spite of the rising cost of living, it's still popular.'

—Kathy Norris

ST. FRANCIS NOTES...

HALLOWEEN, Saturday, October 31 ... November 1 was set aside to honor all saints. It was called All Hallows' or All Saints' Day, and the evening before it was All Hallows E'en, which means "holy evening." Later this was shortened to Halloween. Halloween is now generally celebrated with fun-making and masquerading.

HAIL MARY... Besides the month of May, the month of October is also dedicated by the Church to 'Our Lady of the Rosary.' We conclude this month's Sunday with our devotion to our Blessed Mother. Christ through Mary. Let us pray ...

PIEROGIES... FOR SALE! We are re-ordering another batch of assorted pierogies: potato & cheese, saurkraut and mushroom and spinach! \$5 for a dozen. Try one and you'll love them! Thank you to Joni Blenn for her kind donation and keeping this project going!

'ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION', Sunday, December 6 Mass honoring St. Nicholas, will be held at 9 a.m.; St. Nicholas Dinner, Good food, raffles, and a visit from St. Nick, will be held at 3 p.m. Please ask how you can help make this another success for our Parish? Thank you to All!



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