

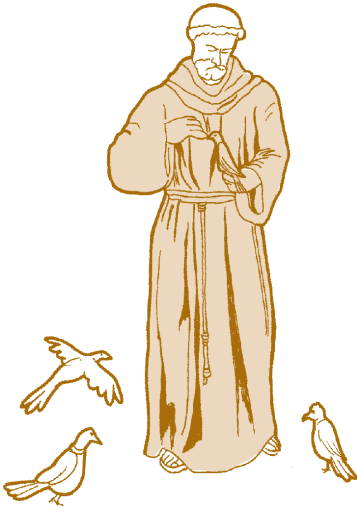
ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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October 4, 2009 • Twenty-Seventh 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 - Genesis 2:18-24

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

R/: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Happy are you who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways! For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; happy shall you be, and favored.

R/: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home;
Your children like olive plants around your table.

R/: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the Lord. Then Lord bless you from Zion: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

R/: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

May you see you children's children. Peace be upon Israel!

R/: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

READING II - Hebrews 2:9-11

Priest or Cantor: Alleluia **R./ Alleluia.** Verse. **R./ Alleluia.**

GOSPEL - Mark 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark.

Some Pharisees came up and as a test began to ask Jesus whether it was permissible for a husband to divorce his wife. In reply he said, "What command did Moses give you?" They answered, "Moses permitted divorce and the writing of a decree of divorce." But Jesus told them: "He wrote that commandment for you because of your stubbornness. At the beginning of creation God made them male and female; for this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and the two shall become as one. They are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore let no man separate what God has joined." Back in the house again, the disciples began to question him about this. He told them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; the woman who divorces her husband and marries another commits adultery."

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

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Come Thou Almighty King"

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COMMUNION - "Christ Be Our Light"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Prayer of St. Francis"



St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

"Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God. Blessed are the peace-makers: for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

—Matthew 5:8-10

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, October 4

Francis was born in 1182 to a merchant couple who imported luxurious fabrics and sold them in Italy. His parents thought Francis would also become a successful merchant. Instead, he decided to join the second crusade and had a fancy suit of armor made for himself. But on his first night out, he had a vision: the Lord was sending him back. He then faced the jeers of his neighbors, who thought him a coward. Francis, undeterred, turned away from war to peace and vowed he would await a further sign from God.

Francis then had a vision in which God told him to repair His church. Francis took this literally and with his own hands began to rebuild the church where he had been praying. But God meant a bigger church: Francis's mission was to help rebuild the whole faith.

Francis preached about humility, poverty, simplicity and prayer to everyone, even the birds, whom he thought of as God's special creations. While others took up arms in the later crusades, Francis went to the Muslim leader with a message of peace. He attempted to express God's brotherhood by truly living by the Gospel. But his life of poverty and wandering, while good for his soul, was hard on his body. Although he died in 1226, the Order he founded, the Franciscan Friars, carries on his humble teachings in every corner of the globe.

JUST A THOUGHT...

"All creatures have the same source as we have. Like us, they derive the life of thought, love, and will from the Creator. Not to hurt humble brethren is our first duty to them; but to stop there is a complete misapprehension of the intentions of Providence. We have a higher mission. God wishes that we should succor them whenever they require it."

—St. Francis of Assisi

HONORING THE BLESSINGS OF ST. FRANCIS

So often you hear, "there are no easy answers," but Francis never did anything the hardest way. He always looked for the simplest solution to every problem, believing that simplicity is one of the greatest virtues, one that helps lead to peace.

Francis's peacemaking abilities are the subject of legends, including one that has Francis making peace between a man-eating wolf and the village that was terrified of it. Perhaps that's just a legend, but there are simple things you can do to promote a peaceful life for yourself and your neighbors:

- Find time for solitary or family prayer every day, even if it's only a moment or two.
- Try to reduce the amount of noise you make - turn down the radio, speak more quietly, and avoid honking your horn.
- At least once a week, take a walk alone or with a family member to admire God's creations; this will serve as a reminder that every season—in fact, every day has so much beauty to offer.



BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY... Henri Nouwen

JESUS, OUR FOOD AND DRINK

Jesus is the Word of God, who came down from heaven, was born of the Virgin Mary through the power of the

Holy Spirit, and became a human being. This happened in a specific place at a specific time. But each day when we celebrate the Eucharist, Jesus comes down from heaven, takes bread and wine, and by the power of the Holy Spirit becomes our food and drink. Indeed, through the Eucharist, God's incarnation continues to happen at any time and at any place.

Sometimes we might think, "I wish I had been there with Jesus and his apostles long ago!" But Jesus is closer to us now than he was to his own friends. Today he is our daily bread!

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS...Helen Steiner Rice THE GOODNESS OF GOD

Wait with a heart that is patient for the goodness of God to prevail, for never do our prayers go unanswered and His mercy and love never fail.

"Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him."

—Psalm 37:7

Today call to Him. Display your patience and be a peacemaker!