

# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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November 1, 2009 • All Saints Day



9:00 AM - *Celebration of the Eucharist*

CONTEMPORARY RITE - Mass Book pg. 63

ENTRANCE HYMN - *"Hymn of Faith"*

READING I - Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

***R/: Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.***

The Lord's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it.  
For he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

***R/: Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.***

Who can ascend the mountain of the Lord? or who may stand in his holy place?  
He whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean, who desires not what is vain.

***R/: Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.***

He shall receive a blessing from the Lord, a reward from God his savior.  
Such is the race that seeks for him, that seeks the face of the God of Jacob.

***R/: Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.***

READING II - 1 John 3:1-3

**R/: ALLELUIA.** Come to me, all you that labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

GOSPEL - Luke 18: 9-14

When Jesus saw the crowds he went up on the mountain side. After he had sat down his disciples gathered around him, and he began to teach them:

"How blest are the poor in spirit: the reign of God is theirs. Blest too are the sorrowing; they shall be consoled. [Blest are the lowly; they shall inherit the land.] Blest are they who hunger and thirst for holiness; they shall have their fill. Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs. Blest are the single-hearted, for they shall see God. Blest too the peacemakers; they shall be called sons of God. Blest are those persecuted for holiness' sake; the reign of God is theirs. Blest are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of slander against you because of me. Be glad and rejoice, for your reward in heaven is great." This is the gospel of the Lord. **R./ Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS — Response: **GOD, HEAR US!**

OFFERTORY HYMN - *"Amazing Grace"*

OUR FATHER - Mass Book - pg. 95

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE - *"Here I Am, Lord"*

RECESSIONAL HYMN - *"How Great Thou Art"*



# St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

## ALL SAINTS' - November 1

This feast which has its beginnings in the Christian churches of the fifth and sixth centuries celebrates all those saints, canonized or not, who enjoy the happiness of the kingdom of heaven. Our relatives and friends, multitudes unknown "which no one can number from all tribes and peoples and tongues," stand before God's throne in joyful praise. They are remembered this day. God's amazing grace has brought them home.

And we are united to them. The ancient creeds proclaimed a communion of saints, a bond between the Church on earth and those in heaven, a sharing of love and grace. Because of that union the saints inspire those below to follow in their steps; their prayers rise up for us. They remind us of the joy that awaits us and our call to join them as children in our Father's house.

+ For all the saints who from their labors rest, Who thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest! Alleluia, alleluia! +

## 'ALL SOULS' - November 2

The early Christians, like their pagan ancestors, remembered their dead on certain days of the year. The present date for our yearly commemoration of the dead was established in the tenth century. We remember the dead prayerfully so that God will "strengthen our hope that all our departed brothers and sisters will share in Christ's resurrection."

+ Lord God, Maker of all, Master of life and death, Guard and gift our souls, receive those who go before us on the pilgrimage of death; in due time receive us too when our days are done.

May we come, not troubled by fear, not clinging to this world, not turning from your welcome, but drawn to our life in heaven, blessed and everlasting in Jesus Christ, our Lord.+ — St. Gregory Nazianzen

## BEARD FOR THE JOURNEY ... Henri Nouwen GOING TO THE MARGINS OF THE CHURCH

Those who are marginal in the world are central in the Church, and that is how it is supposed to be! Thus we are called as members of the Church to keep going to the margins of our society. The homeless, the starving, parentless children, people with AIDS, our emotionally disturbed brothers and sisters - they require our first attention.

We can trust that when we reach out with all our energy to the margins of our society we will discover that petty disagreements, fruitless debates, and paralyzing rivalries will recede and gradually vanish. The Church will always be renewed when our attention shifts from ourselves to those who need our care. The blessing of Jesus always comes to us through the poor.

The most remarkable experience of those who work with the poor is that, in the end, the poor give more than they receive. They give food to us.

## ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS ... Helen Steiner Rice STRONG SPIRITS

Whenever we are troubled and life has lost its song, it's God testing us with burdens just to make our spirit strong!

"My comfort in my suffering is this; Your promise preserves my life." —Psalm 119:50

Today face your challenges with determination and resiliency!

## BLESSINGS ...

'The hardest arithmetic to master is that which enables us to count our blessings.' —Eric Hoffer

'Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has many - Not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some.' —Charles Dickens

'Blessed are those who give without remembering, and who take without forgetting.' —Bernard Meltze

'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' —Acts 20:35

## ST. FRANCIS NOTES ...

**PRAY FOR OUR DEPARTED FAITHFUL:** The Church sets aside the month of November, to remind us to pray for our faithfully departed. Pray often and fervently for our dear departed during the month of November, but also at other times of the year. May the souls of all the faithful departed +Rest in Peace+. Amen.

+**REQUIEM INTENTIONS**+ Please list the names of departed love ones, family and friends that you would like remembered during Masses this month - to Fr. Andrew, before Mass. Thank you!

**ELECTION DAY!** Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Don't forget to Vote!



## 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!