



# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*Sunday, November 18, 2012*

*Thirty-Third 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.

8:00 AM - "*Hymn of Faith*"

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READING I - Dn 12:1-3

In those days, I Daniel, heard this word of the Lord:  
"At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince, guardian of your people; it shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began until that time. At that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book.

"Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace.

"But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11

**R. You are my inheritance, O Lord!**

O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup, you it is who hold fast my lot. I set the LORD ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

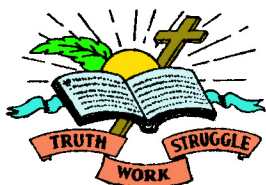
**R. You are my inheritance, O Lord!**

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices, my body, too, abides in confidence; because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.

**R. You are my inheritance, O Lord!**

You will show me the path to life, fullness of joys in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever.

**R. You are my inheritance, O Lord!**



READING 2 - Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Brothers and sisters: Every priest stands daily at his ministry, offering frequently those same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But this one offered one sacrifice for sins, and took his seat forever at the right hand of God; now he waits until his enemies are made his footstool. For by one offering he has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated. Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer offering for sin.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

**R:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Verse.

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GOSPEL - Mark 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky.

"Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates. Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

GENERAL CONCESSIONS: "*God Hear Us!*"

OFFERTORY HYMN - "*Just As I Am*"

COMMUNION HYMN- "*Nearer My God to Thee*"

RECESSIONAL - "*Be Not Afraid*"

# St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"



## THANKSGIVING DAY!

Thursday, November 22nd—our day of giving thanks and feasting, commemorating the Pilgrims' celebration of the good harvest of 1621. Rejoice and pass the gravy, please! Thanksgiving Blessings to All!

## BLESSINGS...Charles Swindoll

After enduring the bitterness of winter, the early colonists decided to hold a feast, celebrating their survival and giving thanks to God for His protection and provisions throughout the past Months. It was a spontaneous celebration of praise. God had turned their hardship and sorrow and pain into gratitude and health and joy. "Praise the Lord, all nations; laud Him, all peoples! For His loving kindness is great toward us...Psalm 117:1-2

## PRACTICE THANKSGIVING...

Say a prayer of thanks for everyone and everything you come across this day. No exceptions! Turn on a light and bless those who discovered electricity. Bless the farmers who grew the food you're eating today. When you get in the car, bless the engineers - who invented seat belts. Bless the person in the office elevator who's talking top volume on her cell phone... for reminding you what not to do.

## Henri Nouwen: A reflection of faith & wisdom... HEARTS AS WIDE AS THE WORLD

The awareness of being part of the communion of saints makes our hearts as wide as the world. The love with which we love is not just our love; it is the love of Jesus and his saints living in us. When the Spirit of Jesus lives in our hearts, all who have lived their lives in that Spirit live there too. Our parents, grandparents, and great-grand-parents; our teachers and their teachers; our pastors and their pastors; our spiritual guides and theirs - all the holy men and women who form that long line of love through history - are part of our hearts, where the Spirit of Jesus chooses to dwell. The communion of saints is not just a network of connections between people. It is first and foremost the community of our hearts.

## FROM THE HEART - Helen Steiner Rice THE REWARDS OF KINDNESS

Kindness is a virtue given by the Lord, it pays dividends in happiness and joy is its reward. "The wicked man earns deceptive wages, but he who sows righteousness reaps a sure reward."—Proverbs 11:18 Today add kindness to someone else's life and your own happiness will be multiplied!

## ST. CECILIA, November 22



St. Cecilia, according to Roman legend, was a Young patrician woman of Rome who was a Christian. She was filled with love for God to whom she vowed her life and virginity. Forced into marriage by her father, she sang to God on her wedding day, praying for help. Soon after, Valerian, her husband, and Tiburtius, his brother, were miraculously converted to Christianity by a vision and gave themselves to the care of the sick and the burial of the dead.

They were martyred at Pagus Triopus, outside of Rome, along with a Roman official, Maximus, because they refused to sacrifice to the gods. Cecilia buried their bodies, and was herself brought to trial for her beliefs. So persuasive was she that her accusers converted to Christianity. Finally, the prefect, Almachius, sentenced her to be suffocated in the heated bath of her home. Despite the intense heat she was unharmed, so a soldier was sent to behead her. She was struck on the neck three times and lingered for three days before dying. A tomb marking her grave is found in the cemetery of St. Callistus in Rome.

St. Cecilia is the patron of musicians.

Listen, my daughter, hear my words: forget your own people and your father's house. The king desires your beauty: He is your lord, give honor to him. —Psalm 44

## SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, December 2, 3 p.m.

St. Nicholas Fund-raiser Dinner

All are welcome. Ask how you can help.

