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SIXTH 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**
"Hymn of Faith"

CONTEMPORARY RITE - Mass Book page 63

READING I - Leviticus 13, 1-2, 44-46

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 32, 1-2, 5, 11

R./ I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Happy is he whose fault is taken away, whose sin is covered.

Happy the man to whom the Lord imputes and guilt, in whose spirit there is no guile.

R./ I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, my guilt I covered not.

I said, "I confess my faults to the Lord," and you took away the guilt of my sin.

R./ I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you just; exult, all you upright of heart.

R./ I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

READING II - 1 Corinthians 10, 31-11,1

Priest/Lector: ALLELUIA. **R/: ALLELUIA.** Verse. **R/: ALLELUIA.**

GOSPEL - Mark 1, 40-45

A leper approached Jesus with a request, kneeling down as he addressed him: "If you will to do so, you can cure me." Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him, and said: "I do will it. Be cured." The leprosy left him and then and there, and he was cured. Jesus gave him a stern warning and sent him on his way. "Not a word to anyone, now," he said. "Go off and present yourself to the priest and offer for your cure what Moses prescribed. That should be a proof for them." The man went off and began to proclaim the whole matter freely, making the story public. As a result of this, it was no longer possible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He stayed in desert places; yet people kept coming to him from all sides.

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

GENERAL CONCESSIONS

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Come Thou Almighty King"

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COMMUNION HYMNS - "Hallowed Be Forever" & "In Thy Protection"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "How Great Thou Art"

“St. Francis Weekly “Kompositions”

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY ... Henri Nouwen

THE MEAL THAT MAKES US FAMILY AND FRIENDS

We all need to eat and drink to stay alive. But having a meal is more than eating and drinking. It is celebrating the gifts of life we share. A meal together is one of the most intimate and sacred human events. Around the table we become vulnerable, filling one another's plates and cups and encouraging one another to eat and drink. Much more happens at a meal than satisfying hunger and quenching thirst. Around the table we become family, friends, community, yes, a body.

That is why it is so important to “set” the table. Flowers, candles, colorful napkins all help us to say to one another, “This is a very special time for us, let's enjoy it!”

HOPE HAPPENS ... Catherine DeVrye

Hope is what happens when you first see a light
Just a distant, small star in the darkest of night.
Hope is what happens with the first buds of spring
when dawn touches the sky or a bird spreads its wings.
Hope is what happens when a wound starts to heal
Whether skin deep or soul deep, you begin to feel real.
Hope is what happens when you're poor but not broken
There's a gold mine of dreams - just not yet awoken.
Hope is what happens when someone is kind
A feeling not lost - just misplaced in your mind.
Hope is what happens when war turns to peace
After everyone prated that the fighting would cease.
Hope is what happens with the smell of - fresh rain
When your long drought of dreams is renewed yet again.
Hope is what happens when clouds finally clear
Troubled thunder falls silent - courageous whispers you hear.
Hope is what happens when you heart skips a beat
And, so least expected, a soul mate you meet.
Hope is what happens when fresh bread is baking
And what hungers your heart, will one day stop aching.
Hope is what happens when kindling ignites
You rediscover your passion that burns day and night.
Hope is what happens when the pain eases a bit
And deep down inside, you find your true grit.
Hope is what happens as long as we breathe
For although it takes time, the sorrow will leave.
Hope is what happens long after the pain
Hope is what happens - again and again.

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS ...

Helen Steiner Rice

GOD'S HELP

God's help never fails and how much we receive depends on how much our hearts can believe.

“You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.” —Psalm 23:5

Today your heart and cup can overflow!

ST. FRANCIS NOTES...

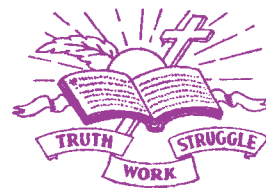
PRESIDENTS' DAY... Monday, February 16, celebrating the birthdays of President George Washington (Feb. 22) and Abraham Lincoln (Feb. 12). God Bless America!

PRIME BISHOP FRANCIS HODOR...

February 16th is the 56th anniversary of his passing, founder of the Polish National Catholic Church.

ST. PATRICK'S/ST. JOSEPH'S SPRING DINNER

will be held at St. Francis Church, Sunday, March 15th, at 3 p.m. Please invite family and friends, ask how you can help make this another successful fundraiser for our Parish. Thank you!



St. Patrick's Day/St. Joseph's Day Dinner Fundrais

March 15th - 3:00 p.m. - Ask how you can help!

*Cook, prepare, bring a freind, bring in raffle prizes,
pay your way...*

