



ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace! — St. Francis
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Sunday, February 3, 2010

Fifth 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"*

CONTEMPORARY RITE - Mass Book page 63

READING I - Isaiah 6, 1-2, 3-8

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

R/. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with all my heart, [for you have heard the words of my mouth;] in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple and give thanks to your name.

R/. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Because of your kindness and your truth; for you have made great above all things your name and your promise. When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me.

R/. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

All the kings of the earth shall give thanks to you, O Lord, when they hear the words of your mouth; And they shall sing of the ways of the Lord: "Great is the glory of the Lord."

R/. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Your right hand saves me. The Lord will complete what he has done for me; Your kindness, O Lord, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands.

R/. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

READING II - 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11

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

GOSPEL - Luke 5, 1-11

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon,

"Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."

When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. This is the gospel of the Lord.

R/: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN - *"Amazing Grace"*

OUR FATHER - Mass book page 95

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE - *"Down in the River to Pray"*

RECESSIONAL HYMN - *"How Great Thou Art"*

St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

BLESSINGS ...

Today our Parish of St. Francis, extends its sincere thankfulness for two beautiful gifts given to our church, in loving memory of special loved ones.

+CIBORIUM (In this vessel the Sacred Hosts are kept, which are used for giving Holy Communion, it is larger than a chalice and shut with a lid.) Today's vessel is golden, with a wheat motif, offered by Mr. Raymond Tomo and Family, engraved in memory of **+ANNA RUGGIERO+** presented by her children Joseph, Santa and Maria.

+PYX / CUSTODIA (This container holds the Holy Communion, which is used in travel, to bring Communion to the sick.) This container offered is gold, with the crucifix embossed on its lid. Offered by Fred Haubenreich, in memory of **+VICKI CAPUANO+** presented by her daughter, Joni Blenn and Family.

Our Requiem Mass Intention, today is for **+ANNA RUGGIERO+** offered by Thomas and Lorraine Kompa.

Our Parish prayers are extended for these departed souls and all our loved ones who have gone before us. May the perpetual light shine upon them always and may they rest in peace. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

Mary, Queen of Peace, we turn to you, our Mother. Into your hands we place our prayers.

For our men and women serving in the military, protect them! For innocent victims of war and violence, spare them!

For those who mourn and are injured, comfort them! For people of all nations, unite them in the love and peace of your Son, the Prince of Peace.

Mary Queen of Peace, pray for us!

ST. FRANCIS NOTES...

'BELIEVE' Know that by your faith, you have the power to reach out to those in spiritual need. Yes, something as simple as an invitation to come with you to Mass...or attend an event or special program at the Parish. That may be all that is needed. A sincere, loving invitation speaks volumes. It always says, at minimum, to those invited; "I am welcomed. Someone cares enough to ask me. To include me." - Pray about it and do it!

'KIND WORDS' can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes ARE ENDLESS." -Mother Teresa

MAKE A DIFFERENCE: Acts of kindness, come great and small, known and unknown. Do a random or regular act of kindness, volunteer, extend a hand, or just say 'Hello' and give a smile! Be the difference!

PROTECT THE CREATION! Think Green? Recycle, conserve energy, encourage protection of the environment, plant a garden. There are many ways to help ... protecting this creation!

A SINCERE WELCOME to our newest dues-paying parish member Costa Fotopoulos.

PIEROGIES...FOR SALE! We have another great batch of assorted pierogies, potato & cheese, saurkraut & mushroom, and spinach — \$5 a dozen. Try them, you'll love them! See Monika for your order.

'GOOD EFFORTS AND GOOD DIRECTIONS' continue at St. Francis...our faith's journey has many roads.



OUR LADY OF LOURDES, February 11

The Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette Soubirous from a cave near Lourdes, France, in 1858. From February 11 to July 16, the young peasant girl saw "the lady dressed in white" about eighteen times. Mary told her to pray for sinners and to have a church built on that spot. When Bernadette asked her who she was, she replied, "I am the Immaculate Conception." Today the great shrine of Lourdes is a sacred place where pilgrims gather from all the world for prayer, healing, and a renewal of faith.

God of mercy, may the prayers of Mary help us to rise above our human weakness. Amen.

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY...Henri Nouwen DRESSED IN GENTLENESS

Once in a while we meet a gentle person. Gentleness is a virtue hard to find in a society that admires toughness and roughness. We are encouraged to get things done and to get them done fast, even when people get hurt in the process. Success, accomplishment, and productivity count. But the cost is high. There is no place for gentleness in such a milieu.

Gentle is the one who does "not break the crushed reed, or snuff the faltering wick" (Matthew 12:20). Gentle is the one who is attentive to the strengths and weaknesses of the other and enjoys being together more than accomplishing something. A gentle person treads lightly, listens carefully, looks tenderly, and touches with reverence. A gentle person knows that true growth requires nurture, not force. Let's dress ourselves with gentleness. In our tough and often unbending world our gentleness can be a vivid reminder of the presence of God among us!

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS...Helen Steiner Rice REMINISCE

Stop awhile to reminisce and to pleasantly review happy little happenings and things you used to do.

"I remember the days of long ago; I meditate on all your works and consider what your hands have done."

—Psalm 143:5

Today be thankful for pleasant memories!