

# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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*Sunday, April 26, 2009 • Third Sunday of Easter*

Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus. **R/. Na wieki, wiekow Amen.**

Let Jesus Christ be praised. **R/. Now and forever. Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN - "*Christ Is Risen*"

9:00 AM - CONTEMPORARY RITE - Mass Book page 63

READING I - Apostles 3: 13-15, 17-19

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 4: 2, 4, 7-8, 9

**R/ Lord, let your face shine on us.**

When I call answer me, O my just God, you who relieve me when I am in distress; Have pity on me, and hear my prayer!

**R/ Lord, let your face shine on us.**

Know that the Lord does wonders for his faithful one; the Lord will hear me when I call upon him.

**R/ Lord, let your face shine on us.**

O Lord, let the light of your countenance shine upon us! You put gladness into my heart!

**R/ Lord, let your face shine on us.**

As soon as I lie down, I fall peacefully asleep, for you alone, O Lord, bring security to my dwelling.

**R/ Lord, let your face shine on us.**

READING II - 1 John 2: 1-5

**R/ Alleluia.** Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us, make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

**R/ Alleluia.**

GOSPEL - Luke 24: 32

The disciples recounted what had happened on the road to Emmaus and how they had come to know Jesus in the breaking of bread.

While they were still speaking about all this, he himself stood in their midst [and said to them, "Peace to you."] In their panic and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you disturbed? Why do such ideas cross your mind? Look at my hands and my feet; it is really I. Touch me, and see that a ghost does not have flesh and bones as I do." [As he said this he showed them his hands and feet.] They were still incredulous for sheer joy and wonder, so he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of cooked fish, which he took and ate in their presence. Then he said to them "Recall those words I spoke to you when I was still with you: everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and psalms had to be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to the understanding of the Scriptures.

He said to them: "Thus it is likewise written that the Messiah must suffer and rise from the dead on the third day. In his name, penance for the remission of sins to be preached to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of this."

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

**GENERAL CONCESSIONS: R/ God, Hear Us! or Lord, Hear Our Prayer!**

OFFERTORY HYMN - "*Come Rejoice Our Lord Is Risen*"

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COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE - *Alleluia* " & "O'er Death Victorious"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "*Come Ye Faithful*"



*"Why do you look  
for the living  
among the dead?  
He is not here  
but has risen."  
Luke 24:5*

## St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

### BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY...Henri Nouwen QUESTION FROM ABOVE

What are spiritual questions? They are questions from above. Most questions people ask of Jesus are questions from above, such as the question about which of a woman's seven husbands she will be married to in the resurrection. Jesus does not answer this question because it comes from a legalistic mind-set. It is a question from below.

Often Jesus responds by changing this question. In the case of the woman with seven husbands he says, "At the resurrection men and woman do not marry ... have you never read what God himself said to you: "I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob?" He is God not of the dead but of the living."

—Matthew 22:23-30

We have to keep looking for the spiritual questions if we want spiritual answers.

### GOD IS IN THE SMALL STUFF! ...

We easily find God in nature: the majesty of a rainbow after the thunderstorm; the incredible intricacy of a colony of ants; the still, quiet of a moonlit night; or the deafening roar of the mighty Niagara Falls. God is there, and we marvel at His handiwork.

We quickly identify God's involvement in the big celebrations of our lives: the birth of a child; the new job that remedies a financial crisis; or the car crash that left the vehicle totaled but our children unscathed. God is there, and we thank Him for His provision.

And we even acknowledge God's presence in the midst of tragedy; the report from the pathology lab; the severance notice; or the heartache in a home filled with broken relationships. God is there, and we depend upon Him for strength.

But seeing God in these "big things" of life is easy. The more difficult task -yet a challenge just as rewarding - is seeing God in our everyday, mundane activities. We need to have a "God consciousness" about our daily routine. We need a "divine perspective" about the details of life. We mustn't overlook God in the small stuff. I

When we realize that God is in the ordinary, our daily

grind suddenly has meaning and purpose. The household chores, whether the lawn or the laundry, become an opportunity to express love and care for other members of the household. A walk to the mailbox brings a chance to greet the neighbor (who may be in desperate need of an encouraging word). The day at work presents the challenge of giving wholehearted effort which will be pleasing to God.

Before He created the universe ages ago, God knew all about us. We should not be surprised that He has ordered our days and is interactively involved in the events of our daily routine. Nothing escapes His notice. Nothing is too insignificant for His care. If we are involved with anything, so is He.

Live your life with an overwhelming sense that God is present in the details all around you. There will be no boring moments. Life will take on a new meaning when you begin to see God in the small stuff.

### ST. FRANCIS NOTES ...

- **INSTALLATION OF OUR NEW PASTOR/ FUNDRAISER DINNER** will be held on Sunday, May 31st at 5 p.m.. Welcome All and All are Welcomed! Please ask how You can help make this another successful event for our parish? Invite family and friends...Invitation cards for this event are available on our back table in church.
- **NEW KITCHEN CABINETS!** were recently obtained by Fr. Andrew and Monika for installation in our Parish Hall Kitchen. Thank you again for all you do!
- **10 BEAUTIFUL EVERGREEN TREES** were donated to St. Francis Parish by Very Rev. Wieslaw & Sophie Pietruszka. Fr. Andrew plans on planting them on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> as a border in the front of the rectory. Hopefully intruders will be less likely to trespass. A sincere thank you to Fr. Wes for keeping St. Francis in your heart!

### ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS ...

#### Helen Steiner Rice - GOOD RICHES

Good health, good humor, and good sense, no man is poor with this defense.

"Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones." Proverbs 16:24

Today share the recipe for a good life. The main ingredients include faith in and devotion to God and service for others!



### Important 2009 Upcoming St. Francis Dates

Sunday, May 31, 5:00 pm  
**Spring Dinner in the Hall**

Saturday, June 13, 10:00 am  
**EM Community Pride Day  
at Speno Park, EM Avenue**