



## ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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**Sunday, May 10, 2009 • Fifth Sunday of Easter • Mother's Day**

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 - Acts 9:26-31

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 22; 26-27. 28. 30. 31-32

**R/ I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the Lord. The lowly shall eat their fill;  
They who seek the Lord shall praise him: "May your hearts be ever merry!"

**R/ I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;  
All the families of the nations shall bow down before him.  
To him alone shall bow down all who sleep in the earth;  
Before him shall bend all who go down into the dust.

**R/ I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

And to him my soul shall live; my descendants shall serve him.  
Let the coming generation be told of the Lord  
that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born the justice he has shown.

**R/ I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

READING II - I John 3:18-24

**Priest or Lector: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. R/Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.** Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. **R/ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL - John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I am the true vine and my Father is the vinegrower. He prunes away every barren branch, but the fruitful ones he trims clean to increase their yield. You are clean already, thanks to the word I have spoken to you. Live on in me, as I do in you. No more than a branch can bear fruit of itself apart from the vine, can you bear fruit apart from me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who lives in me and I in him, will produce abundantly, for apart from me you can do nothing. A man who does not live in me is like a withered, rejected branch, picked up to be thrown in the fire and burnt. If you live in me, and my words stay part of you, you may ask what you will—it will be done for you. My Father has been glorified in your bearing much fruit and becoming my disciples."

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"

*May Devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary follow all Sunday Masses in May*



## St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

### MARY... "MOTHER OF GOD"

Learning how to be a good parent is one of life's most difficult jobs. It is also one of the most important. How, then, might a woman approach this role if she knew she would be the mother of God? We can only marvel at how that young Nazarene girl, destined for divine motherhood, accomplished what must have been for her the most difficult and important of jobs. Yet she did it with purity, humility, and obedience.

The mother of Jesus is known by countless names and titles, but perhaps the most beautiful is Mother of God (Greek: Theotokos or God-bearer). She is also the mother of all saints. Revered all over the world, Mary embodies the most majestic and perfect image of womanhood. She is called by some the second "Eve" and the spiritual mother of all.

While mothers and the motherless alike seek her merciful compassion and loving comfort, other believers are attracted to Mary because of countless miracles attributed to her throughout time and in many different places in the world. These faithful make pilgrimages, sometimes even risking their own lives, to seek the intercession of the Mother of God on their behalf for healing, protection, support in their endeavors, strength, relief from suffering, help with afflictions, and solace from grief. For how could our Lord refuse a petition from his mother, our mother?

During this month of May we will honor Mary, through Devotions and Litany, after Sunday Mass. Come, Hail Mary! Christ through Mary ... Pray for Us,!

### ST. MATTHIAS (first century) May 14

According to the Acts of the Apostles, St. Matthias was chosen to replace Judas Iscariot as one of the twelve apostles after the resurrection of Jesus. Two men, Barsabbas and Matthias, were proposed, but only one was selected. A companion of Christ during his public ministry, Matthias was among the seventy-two disciples whom Jesus sent out to preach. He was also a witness to Christ's resurrection.

Tradition says that he preached the Gospel in Judea, Cappadocia, and near the Caspian Sea. He suffered martyrdom by crucifixion at Colchis.

Lord God, make us disciples of your Son, hearers and doers of his word, witnesses for him in this world. Amen.

### *Parish Spring Dinner*

*Celebrate Fr. Andrew as Our New Pastor*

*Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 5 p.m.*

*Food, Raffles, 50-50, Lots of Fun*

*Please come & help!*

*thanks!*



# EASTERTIDE BLESSINGS

### BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY ... Henri Nouwen HOLDING THE CUP

We all must hold the cups of our lives. As we grow older and become more fully aware of the many sorrows of life - personal failures, family conflicts, disappointments in work and social life, and the many pains surrounding us on the national and international scene - everything within and around us conspires to make us ignore, avoid, suppress, or simply deny these sorrows. "Look at the sunny side of life and make the best of it," we say to ourselves and hear others say to us. But when we want to drink the cups of our lives, we need first to hold them, to fully acknowledge what we are living, trusting that by not avoiding but befriending our sorrows we will discover the true joy we are looking for right in the midst of our sorrows.

### ST. FRANCIS NOTES ...

- 'NEW' HALL KITCHEN CABINETS and WOMAN'S BATHROOM SINK! Wow! What another great look and fantastic job, again accomplished for our Parish. Thank You Fr. Andrew and Monika!

- OUR PARISH GARDENS: Thank you to Lorraine Pacheco for her donation of topsoil. Two holly bushes have been purchased. Thank you to Carol and Ron Thomas for your kind donation. We hope in time and good effort to continue the improvements of our Parish!

- MOTHER'S DAY: Today, Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>—On this day we pay tribute to our mothers, living and deceased. They are the givers of life and have nurtured us in faith. May they be ever blessed and held in God's loving care. All are invited to join in our Mother's Day Breakfast, after Mass, in the Parish Hall. God Bless All!

- MAKE A DIFFERENCE!...Do a random or regular act of kindness, it makes a difference!

### ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS...Helen Steiner Rice A MOTHER'S LOVE

When we think of our mothers, we draw nearer to God above, for only God in His greatness could fashion a mother's love.

"My son, Keep your father's commands and do not forsake your mother's teaching." —Proverbs 6:20

Today pay tribute to your mother. Her love touched your life and will continue to influence you forever!