



ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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Sunday, May 17, 2009 • Sixth 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 - Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/ The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds;
His right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm.

R/ The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

The Lord has made his salvation known; in the site of the nations
he has revealed his justice. He has remembered his kindness
and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel.

R/ The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God.
Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands; break into song; sing praise.

R/ The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

READING II - I John 4:7-10

GOSPEL - John 15:9-17

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. **R/ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.** If anyone loves me, he will hold to my words, and my Father will love him, and we will come to my him. **R/ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciplines:

"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Live on in my love. You will live in my love if you keep my commandments, even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and live in his love. All this I tell you that my joy may be yours and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you. There is no greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer speak of you as slaves, for a slave does not know what his master is about. Instead, I call you friends since I have made known to you all that I heard from my Father. It was not you who chose, me, it was I who chose you to go forth and bear fruit. Your fruit must endure, so that all you ask the Father in my name he will give you. The command I give you is this: that you love one another."

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"

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

This feast is celebrated on May 21st. Forty days after the Resurrection, Our Lord Jesus Christ, attended by angels, ascended into heaven, in the sight of His Most Holy Mother, His apostles, and disciples, to the great wonder of them all. He entered into possession of the kingdom of heaven which He had gained by His sufferings, and St. Paul declares that God "hath made us sit together in the heavenly places through Christ Jesus." "There where the head has gone, the body is called to follow!"

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY... Henri Nouwen LOVE WILL REMAIN

Hope and faith will both come to an end when we die. But love will remain. Love is eternal. Love comes from God and returns to God. When we die, we will lose everything that life gave us except love. The love with which we lived our lives is the life of God within us. It is the divine, indestructible core of our being. This love not only will remain but will also bear fruit from generation to generation.

When we approach death let us say to those we leave behind, "Don't let your heart be troubled. The love of God that dwells in my heart will come to you and offer you consolation and comfort."

MARY, CROWNED WITH THE LIVING LIGHT ...

"Blessed is she who believed that the Lord's word to her would be fulfilled." May is the month, the church, traditionally has dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. As Patroness of the Universal Church we ask our Lady to watch over us, to bless us and those we love with good health and peace! Devotions and Litany to Our Blessed Mother, will be held after Sunday Mass. Hail Mary ...

MOTHER TERESA - IN MY OWN WORDS, 1910-1997

I recommend praying these words to Mary; Mary, Mother of Jesus and of those who participate in his priestly ministry, we come to you with the same attitude of children, who come to their mother. We are no longer children, but adults who desire with all our hearts to be God's children. Our human condition is weak, that is why we come to ask for your motherly aid so we are able to overcome our weakness. Pray for us so that we can, in turn, become people of prayer. We invoke your protection so that we remain free from all sin. We invoke your love so that it may reign and we will be able to be compassionate and forgiving. We ask for your blessing so we can be like the image of your beloved Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS ... Helen Steiner Rice THE FLOWER OF FRIENDSHIP

Life is like a garden and friendship like a flower that blooms and grows in beauty with the sunshine and the shower.

"Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary." Psalm 96:6

Today plant the seed of friendship within your heart. With warmth of love and showers of kindness, watch friendship flourish!

ST. FRANCIS NOTES ...

- **OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS** are extended to the Urbaniak Family, on the passing of + Carl Urbaniak + on May 8th. God's Peace!

- **THE CHURCH GARDENS** were cleaned, fresh topsoil spread and planted by Tom and Lorraine Kompa. Fr. Andrew and Monika cleaned the side hedges, in preparation for the new fence and hedges. The new fence was installed by Fr. Andrew as were the evergreen trees donated by Fr. Wes. Thank you to all!

- **SPRING DINNER** will be Sunday, May 31st, Please ask how you can help make this another successful fundraiser for St. Francis???

- "Be the CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE in the world." —MAHATMA GANDI.

Parish Spring Dinner

Celebrate Fr. Andrew as Our New Pastor

Sunday, May 31st, 5 p.m.

Food, Raffles, 50-50, Lots of Fun

Please come & help!
thanks!

