



## ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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**Sunday, May 24, 2009 • Seventh 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 - "Hymn of Faith"

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

READING I - Acts 1:15-17, 20-26

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 103, 1-2, 11-12, 19-20)

**R/ The Lord has set his throne in heaven.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and forget not all his benefits.

**R/ The Lord has set his throne in heaven.**

For as the heavens are high about the earth, so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us.

**R/ The Lord has set his throne in heaven.**

The Lord has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.

Bless the Lord, all you his angels, you mighty in strength, who do his bidding.

**R/ The Lord has set his throne in heaven.**

READING II - I John 4:11-16

GOSPEL - John 17:11-19

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. **R/ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.** The Lord said: I will not leave you orphans.

I will come back to you, and your hearts rejoice. **R/ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: "O Father most holy, protect them with your name which you have given me, [that they may be one, even as we are one.] As long as I was with them, I guarded them with your name which you gave me. I kept careful watch, and not one of them was lost, none but him who was destined to be lost in fulfillment of Scripture. Now, however, I come to you; I say all this while I am still in the world that they may share my joy completely. I gave them your word, and the world has hated them for it; they do not belong to the world, [any more than I belong to the world.] I do not ask you to take them out of the world, but to guard them from the evil one. They are not of the world, any more than I am of the world. Consecrate them by means of truth — As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world; I consecrate myself for their sakes now, that they may be consecrated in truth." This is the gospel of the Lord.

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 - "Come Ye Faithful" & "O'er Death Victorious"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Christ Is Risen"

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

**CREATING MIRACLES  
EVERY DAY**

**Start  
to see the  
innocence  
in everybody**



## St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

### MARY ... QUEEN OF THE ROSARY

You who love the rosary, can make it a more powerful and effective prayer to God. Just as our Lady did, you also can ponder the rosary mysteries in your heart. You will thus make them part of your outlook, being, and life. The rosary is a wonderful as well as a traditional prayer form. The rosary engages your whole person. Your fingers tell the beads, your lips repeat the prayers, your mind reflects each mystery, and your heart responds to its message. The rosary employs repetition, an essential element in the language of love. As a result, you identify with our Lord and His Blessed Mother by applying their saving deeds to your own life with its joys, sorrows and glories. Know that it is better to pray one rosary mystery well than to say many decades absentmindedly. God's Peace to ALL!

Our traditional month of May honor to Our Blessed Mother continues, with Devotion and Litany, after Sunday Mass. Hail Mary ... Christ through Mary ...

### BLESSINGS ... Charles Swindoll

God is in no hurry.

We tend to think that if God is really engaged, He will change things within the next hour or so. Certainly by sundown. Absolutely by the end of the week. But God is not a slave to the human clock. Compared to the works of mankind, He is extremely deliberate and painfully slow. As religious poet George Herbert wisely penned, "God's mill grinds slow, but sure." "And now, Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in You." —Psalm 39:7

### BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY... Henri Nouwen JESUS IS POOR

Jesus, the Blessed One, is poor. The poverty of Jesus is much more than an economic or social poverty. Jesus is poor because he freely chose powerlessness over power, vulnerability over defensiveness, dependency over self-sufficiency. As the great "Song of Christ" so beautifully expresses: "He...did not count equality with God something to be grasped. But he emptied himself...becoming as human beings are" (Philippians 2:6-7). This is the poverty of spirit that Jesus chose to live. Jesus calls us who are blessed as he is to live our lives with that same poverty.

### ST. FRANCIS NOTES...

- A NEW FENCE AND SHRUBS PLANTED in the front of the rectory. Another great job by Father Andrew! Thank you!
- HELP! Please ask how you can help make next week's Installation-Spring Fundraiser a success for our Parish!!!
- 'One who wants a ROSE must RESPECT the thorn.' —Presian proverb
- MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Do a random or regular act of kindness, it makes a difference!
- MEMORIAL DAY, Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Pray for 'Our Nation.' Remember both our veterans living and deceased for their willingness to risk all so our nation might dwell in peace and safety.

### ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS ...

Helen Steiner Rice

### A WONDERFUL THING

God's love endureth forever - what a wonderful thing to know when the tides of life run against you and your spirit is downcast and low. "For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord." —Psalm 117:2

Today let God's steadfast love assist you in improving your outlook on life!

### *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!*

