

# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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**Sunday, May 3, 2009 • Fourth Sunday of Easter**



*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 4: 8-12

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

**R/ The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

**R/ The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my savior.  
The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.  
By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

**R/ The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord.  
I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my Savior.  
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his kindness endures forever.

**R/ The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**

READING II - 1 John 3: 1-2

**R/ Alleluia.** I am the good shepherd says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

**R/ Alleluia.**

GOSPEL - John 3:1-2

Jesus said:

"I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

The hired hand, who is no shepherd nor owner of the sheep, catches sight of the wolf coming and runs away, leaving the sheep to be snatched and scattered by the wolf. That is because he works for pay; he has no concern, for the sheep.

"I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me in the same way that the Father knows me and I know the Father; for these sheep I will give my life. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must lead them, too, and they shall hear my voice. There shall be one flock then, one shepherd. The Father loves me for this: that I lay down my life to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down freely. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

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"

## HAIL MARY...WOMAN OF FAITH

The month of May is traditionally called the month of Mary, in our Catholic tradition. During this month we will honor Mary through Devotions and Litany, after Sunday Mass. Come...Hail Mary! Christ through Mary...Pray for Us!

## ST. PHILIP and ST. JAMES (first century) May 3

St. Philip was born at Bethsaida in Galilee. He was one of the apostles and a disciple of John the Baptist. Philip heard the call of Jesus, "Follow me," and accompanied Jesus on his public ministry. He is mentioned in St. John's Gospel, and invited the apostle, Bartholomew, to come and see Christ. At the Last Supper he said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough."

According to tradition, Philip was present with the apostles who spent ten days waiting in the upper room in Jerusalem for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. After the death of Christ, Philip preached the Gospel in Phrygian Asia Minor. He was martyred at Hiarapolis by soldiers loyal to Emperor Domitian.

St. James, also known as James the Less, was one of the twelve apostles and is called "son of Alphaeus" and "the brother of the Lord" in the Gospels. It is assumed, however, that he was most likely a cousin of Jesus. He is believed to be the author of the Epistle of St. James in the New Testament.

James was appointed the Bishop of Jerusalem and was present at the Council of Jerusalem. He was also present with the apostles in the upper room awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. James remained in Jerusalem after Pentecost and was stoned to death there in 62.

God, give us faith through the words of your apostles.

## BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY...Henri Nouwen THE MOSAIC 'THAT SHOWS US' THE FACE OF GOD

A mosaic consists of thousands of little stones. Some are blue, some are green, some are yellow, some are gold: When we bring our faces close to the mosaic, we can admire the beauty of each stone. But as we step back from it, we can see that all these little stones reveal to us a beautiful picture, telling a story none of these stones can tell by itself.

That is what our life in community is about. Each of us is

like a little stone, but together we reveal the face of God to the world. Nobody can say, "I make God visible." But others who see us together can say, "They make God visible." Community is where humility and glory touch.

## ST. FRANCIS NOTES ...

- PARISH MEETING will be held today, after Mass. All are invited to attend! Your input counts!
- INSTALLATION OF NEW PASTOR/ SPRING FUNDRAISER, will be held Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 5 p.m.. Please ask how YOU can help make this another successful fundraiser for our parish. Thank you!
- ARBORVITAE TREES have been donated by Very Rev. Wieslaw Pietruszka to screen the front-yard of the rectory. Thank you! A 4-foot fence will also be erected in this project by the parish.
- PRAY FOR ANOTHER...Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> is National Day of Prayer...Let us pray!
- CROWNING OF THE BLESSED MOTHER STATUES will be held next Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and our celebration of Mother's Day.
- THANK YOU to Joni Blenn for her endless donations of paper and time to produce our weekly bulletins, fliers and ads for our Parish of St. Francis! Good Stewardship abounds always in our parish! Thank you to ALL!

## 'PROTECT THE CREATION'

Remember to help our planet...recycle, plant a garden, take the time to enjoy nature... There are many ways...

## ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS...Helen Steiner Rice JOY FROM THE LORD

You can't do a kindness without a reward, not in silver nor gold but in joy from the Lord.

"May your love and your truth always protect me."

—Psalm 40:11

Today extend kindness to someone and unbounded gladness will return to you!

# SHARE THE GLORY OF EASTER