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June 29, 2014 - Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles



Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus
Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow. Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

9:00 AM - "Hymn of Faith"

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READING 1 - Acts 12:1-11

In those days, King Herod laid hands upon some embers of the Church to harm them. He had James, the brother of John, killed by the sword, and when he saw that this was pleasing to the Jews he proceeded to arrest Peter also. –It was the feast of Unleavened Bread.– He had him taken into custody and put in prison under the guard of four squads of four soldiers each. He intended to bring him before the people after Passover. Peter thus was being kept in prison, but prayer by the Church was fervently being made to God on his behalf.

On the very night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter, secured by double chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while outside the door guards kept watch on the prison. Suddenly the angel of the Lord stood by him and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and awakened him, saying, "Get up quickly." The chains fell from his wrists. The angel said to him, "Put on your belt and your sandals." He did so. Then he said to him, "Put on your cloak and follow me." So he followed him out, not realizing that what was happening through the angel was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed the first guard, then the second, and came to the iron gate leading out to the city, which opened for them by itself. They emerged and made their way down an alley, and suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter recovered his senses and said, "Now I know for certain that the Lord sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people had been expecting."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R. *The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.*

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the LORD; the lowly will hear me and be glad.

R. *The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.*

Glorify the LORD with me, let us together extol his name. I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

R. *The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.*

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy, and your faces may not blush with shame. When the poor one called out, the LORD heard, and from all his distress he saved him.

R. *The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.*

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. Taste and see how good the LORD is; blessed the man who takes refuge in him.

R. *The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.*

READING 2 - 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

I, Paul, am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance.

The Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the proclamation might be completed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly Kingdom. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL - Matthew 16:13-19

When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

R/ *Thanks be to God.*

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Holy, Holy, Holy"

COMMUNION HYMN - "One Bread, One Body"

RECESSIONAL - "Lead Me Lord"



St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

Congratulations to Mary Francesca Zaradich on her Confirmation last Sunday. A beautiful and holy event thanks to Bishop Bernard, Father Andrew Et, of course, Mary! May the Holy Spirit guide Mary throughout her life.

THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, or the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, is a liturgical feast in honour of the martyrdom in Rome of the apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul, which is observed on June 29th. The celebration is of ancient origin, the date selected being the anniversary either of their death or of the translation of their relics.

ST. THOMAS (first century) July 3

St. Thomas, one of the twelve apostles, was a Jew from Galilee called by Jesus to accompany him on his mission to proclaim the Kingdom of God. When Jesus' life was threatened as he went to raise Lazarus from the dead. Thomas said to the others, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." At the Last Supper, when Jesus spoke of going away to his Father, Thomas replied, "Lord, we do not know where you are going, and how can we know the way?" With the rest of the apostles, Thomas fled when Jesus was arrested and put to death. On Easter Sunday, Thomas was not with the others when Jesus came into the room where they were. Though they told him jubilantly, "We have seen the Lord!" Thomas answered, "I will not believe until I put my finger into the nail marks in his hand and side." The expression, "doubting 'Thomas,'" comes from this incident. One week later, when Jesus appeared again to his disciples, Thomas was with them. Jesus said, "Take your finger and examine my hands. Put your hand into my side. Do not remain an unbeliever. Believe!" Thomas said, "My Lord and my God!"

"The unbelief of Thomas has done more for our faith than the faith of the other disciples," St. Gregory the Great has said. Our doubts are answered by the demand of Thomas to know that Jesus' resurrection was real. Thomas is said to have preached the Gospel to the people of India. He was martyred eight miles from Madras and buried at Mylapore, India. The date of his death is unknown. His prayer: Because you have seen me, Thomas, you have believed; blessed are they who have not seen me yet believe. Amen.

2014 ST. FRANCIS UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, June 29th - YARD SALE at ST. FRANCIS

One person's trash is another person's treasure. (Thank you Monika for organizing and to Jiselle for watching the children and to anyone who brought items to sell or bought something or made any other kind of donation to help us raise money.)

Saturday, October 4th -

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Come one, come all... creatures of God. Your pets will receive a blessing for the year and a St. Francis medal.

Sunday, December 7th -

CHRISTMAS/ST. NICHOLAS FUND-RAISER DINNER

Always a great day! Lots of delicious food and, of course, a visit from St. Nick with gifts for all the children.

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY - Henri Nouwen *A reflection of faith and wisdom...* WELCOMING HOME

How do we welcome home our lost brothers and sisters? By running out to them, embracing them, and kissing them. By clothing them with the best clothes we have and making them our honored guests. By offering them the best food and inviting friends and family for a party. And, most important of all, by not asking for excuses or explanations, only showing our immense joy that they are with us again (see Luke 15:20-24).

That is being perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect. It is forgiving from the heart without a trace of self-righteousness, recrimination, or even curiosity. The past is wiped out. What counts is the here and now, where all that fills our hearts is gratitude for the homecoming of our brothers and sisters.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Celebrated on July 4th the anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. God Bless America - Pray for Our Nation. *GOD BLESS AMERICA IN GOD WE TRUST*