



ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus. **R/. Na wieki, wiekow Amen.**

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ. **R/. Now and forever. Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN - *"Morning Hymn"*

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

READING I - Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 104: 1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

R/: Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Upright is the word of the Lord, and all his words are trustworthy.
He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the lord the earth is full.

R/: Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made; by the breath of his mouth all there host.
For he spoke, and it was made; he commanded, and it stood forth.

R/: Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

See, the eyes of the Lord are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness,
To deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine.

R/: Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Our soul waits for the Lord, who is our help and our shield.
May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us who have put our hope in you.

R/: Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

READING II - Romans 8:14-17

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. R/Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. **R/ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL - Matthew 28:16-20

A reading from the holy gospel according to St. Matthew
The eleven disciples made their way to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had summoned them. At the sight of him, those who had entertained doubts fell down in homage. Jesus came forward and addressed them in these words:

"Full authority has been given to me both in heaven and on earth; go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations. Baptize them in the name 'of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.' Teach them to carry out everything I have commanded to you. And know that I am with you always, until the end of the world!"

This is the gospel of the Lord. **R/. Praise be to you Lord, Jesus Christ.**

GENERAL CONCESSIONS: **God, Hear Us!**

OFFERTORY HYMN - *"Holy, Holy Holy"*

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COMMUNION HYMNS - *"Just As I Am" & "Let There Be Peace on Earth"*

RECESSIONAL HYMN - *"Joyful, Joyful"*



**WELCOME
To Our
Church**

St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

FEAST OF 'THE HOLY TRINITY'

"Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. As it was in the Beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen"

As soon as we have celebrated the advent of the Holy Spirit, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Trinity. The place is well chosen, for immediately after the descent of the Divine Spirit, began the preaching and belief, and through baptism, faith, and confession, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

THE MYSTERY...JUST A THOUGHT?

Consider these thoughts of theologian, Michael Downey, from *Altogether Gift: A Trinitarian Spirituality*.

Trinity Sunday, The Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is a mystery of our faith. But what does that mean.? "... real mystery is that which invites and allures us into fuller participation, all the while exceeding, our want to grasp it, contain it. Indeed, in much the same way, human love is a mystery. We are invited, at times allured, by another. Something in us is touched, moved, drawn by the other. The closer we come, and the more we grow in love, the clearer it becomes that the beloved cannot be tied down, grasped, defined once and for all ...In this sense the Trinity is a mystery ... it is not so much that we grasp the mystery but that we open ourselves so as to be grasped by it ...God is love. God's word is spoken, God's spirit is poured forth. The life and love of God are not past tense, but present, ecstatic, alive, outreaching, gifting, here and now!"

ST. BARNABAS (first century) June 11

Enough not one of the twelve apostles chosen by Jesus, St. Barnabas played an important role in the mission of the apostles to the Gentile world. He was a Jew of the tribe of Levi and was born at Cyprus. His name was Joseph, but was changed to Barnabas by the apostles. He was one of the first converts to Christianity at Jerusalem after Pentecost. The Acts of the Apostles describes him as Barnabas, "the Son of Encouragement," who "sold a field which belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet." "A good man, filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith," he was closely connected with St. Paul during his early missionary journeys and introduced him to the apostles. As a founder of the Church at Antioch, Barnabas invited Paul from Tarsus to help him form the new community of Christians. Then, inspired by the Holy Spirit, Paul and Barnabas journeyed to other cities of Asia Minor, preaching the message of Jesus Christ.

The two apostles brought money from the Church of Antioch for the relief of famine victims in Judea. Barnabas

and Paul also spoke at the Council of Jerusalem, describing the success of the Gospel among the Gentiles and winning approval for further journeys to the Gentile world.

The two apostles came to a disagreement in the course of their ministry over Barnabas' cousin, John Mark, and separated. Barnabas and John Mark went to Cyprus, and Paul went to Syria. Eventually, they were reunited. There is nothing we know for certain of Barnabas' later activity and death, but it is thought that he was stoned to death in 61 at Salamis.

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY ... Henri Nouwen THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT

In and through Jesus we come to know God as a powerless God, who becomes dependent on us. But it is precisely in this powerlessness that God's power reveals itself. This is not the power that controls, dictates, and commands. It is the power that heals, reconciles, and unites. It is the power of the Spirit. When Jesus appeared people wanted to be close to him and touch him because "power came out of him" (Luke 6:19).

It is this power of the divine Spirit that Jesus wants to give us. 'The Spirit indeed empowers us and allows us to be healing presences. When we are filled with that Spirit, we cannot be other than healers.

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS ... Helen Steiner Rice COMFORT

Through the depths of sorrow comes understanding love, and peace and truth and comfort are sent from God above.

"The path of life leads upward for the wise."

—Proverbs 15:24

Today ask the Lord to help you to your feet when you fall down!

ST. FRANCIS NOTES...

- **FR. ANDREW'S INSTALLATION AND DINNER** was a success for our Parish of St. Francis, last Sunday! The Very Rev. Wieslaw Pietruszka, presented Fr. Andrew with a beautiful vestment, from the Senariate. Our both events were enjoyed by all in attendance.
- **THANK YOU!!!** To all Parishioners and dear Friends of St. Francis, for again all your donations, time, help and support in always making these events a great success! 'Thank you!
- **MORE PROJECTS ACCOMPLISHED!** Our Hall Kitchen was painted and more shrubs were planted in the Rectory front yard. Thank you again Fr. Andrew for all you do!