



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 - "Hymn of Faith"

READING I - 2 Kings 4, 42-44

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

R/. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Let all your works give you thank, O Lord, and let your faithful ones bless you.
Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might.

R/. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and you give them their food in due season;
You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

R/. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

The Lord is just in all his ways and holy in all his works.
The Lord is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.

R/. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

READING II - Eph. 4, 1-6

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **R./ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.** Verse.

R/ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL - John 6, 1-15

A reading from the holy gospel according to St. John
Jesus crossed the Sea of Galilee [to the shore] of Tiberias; a vast crowd kept following him because they saw the signs he was performing for the sick. Jesus then went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. The Jewish feast of Passover was near; when Jesus looked up and caught sight of a vast crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" (He knew well what he intended to do but he asked this to test Philip's response.) Philip replied, "Not even with two hundred days' wages could we buy loaves enough to give each of them a mouthful!"

One of Jesus' disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother remarked to him, "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and a couple of dried fish, but what good is that for so many?" Jesus, said, "Get the people to recline." Even though the men numbered about five thousand, there was plenty of grass for them to find a place on the ground. Jesus then took the loaves of bread, to gave thanks, and passed them around to those reclining there; he did the same with the dried fish, as much as they wanted. When they had had enough, he told his disciplines, "Gather up the crusts that are left over so that nothing will go to waste." At this, they gather twelve baskets full of pieces left over by those who had been fed with the five barley loaves.

When the people saw the sign he had performed they began to say, "This is undoubtedly the prophet who is to come into the world." At that, Jesus realized that they would come and carry him off to make him king, so he fled back to the mountain alone.

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

GENERAL CONCESSIONS: **God, Hear Us! or as instructed by Lector**

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Holy, Holy, Holy"

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COMMUNION HYMN - "O Lord I Am Not Worthy" & "Come Unto Jesus"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "How Great Thou Art"



St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

STS. JOACHIM & ANN (parents of Mary) July 26

Ancient Christian tradition records the names of Sts. Joachim and Ann as the parents of Mary, the mother of Jesus. They were both members of the tribe of Judah of the house of David. According to tradition, Joachim and Ann came to Jerusalem from Galilee. Over the centuries, they have been honored, especially in the East, at great churches and shrines built in memory of them. Historically and biblically, not much is known of **Joachim** and Ann, except that they are the parents of Mary and grandparents of Jesus.

By their fruits we know how people lived, Jesus taught. The Church recognizes the grandparents of Jesus as models of family virtue and faith, which they transmitted to their offspring.

"Good St. Ann, Mother of Mary, grandmother of Jesus, intercede before God for our families and their children. May one generation hand on to another faith in God's promise and trust that he will do great things for those who reverence his name. Amen"

JUST SOME THOUGHTS...

- "What lies behind you and what lies before you are tiny matters compared to **WHAT LIES WITHIN** you."
—Ralph Waldo Emerson
- "May the stars carry your sadness away, may the flowers **FILL YOUR HEART WITH BEAUTY**, and may hope forever wipe away your tears."
—Chief Dan George
- "You pray in your distress and in your need: would that you might pray also in the **FULLNESS OF YOUR JOY** and in your **DAYS OF ABUNDANCE**, for what is prayer but the expansion of yourself into the living ether?" —Kahill Gibran

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS...Helen Steiner Rice BLESS OUR NATION

God bless our nation and keep us safe and free, safe from all our enemies wherever they may be.

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance." —Psalm 33:12

Today pray for solutions to national and international problems!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat. & Sun., August 29 & 30
HUGE YARD/BASEMENT SALE
Start now bringing in items to sell!



ST. MARTHA (first century) July 29

St. Martha, the sister of Mary and Lazarus, lived with them in Bethany. It is apparent that they were very friendly with Jesus and received him as a guest into their home frequently. On one occasion, Martha asked her sister, Mary,

who was sitting at Jesus' feet, to help prepare dinner. Jesus, feeling that Martha was too preoccupied with household chores stated that Mary had chosen the better part.

A woman of practical concern and straightforward faith, Martha was rewarded for her simple hospitality and trust in the power of Jesus. While she served Jesus bodily food, she was fed within by the Holy Spirit. Beyond measure, God responds to those who quietly tend to others' needs.

Martha met and pleaded with Jesus, when her brother died and asked him to raise Lazarus from the dead. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, though he should die, will come to life; and whoever is alive and believes in me, will never die. Do you believe this?" Martha replied, "Yes, Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God; He who is to come into the world." Martha's tears of grief were turned into cries of joy when Lazarus was called back to life from the tomb at Jesus' word. According to legend, Martha, Mary and Lazarus went to preach the Gospel in France after the death of Jesus. She is the patroness of cooks.

'Lord, let our simple gifts serve you. Bless those who come to our door.' Amen.

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY... Henri Nouwen THE DYNAMICS OF THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

Our emotional lives and our spiritual lives have different dynamics. The ups and downs of our emotional lives depend a great deal on our past or present surroundings. We are happy, sad, angry, bored, excited, depressed, loving, caring, hateful, or vengeful because of what happened long ago or what is happening now.

The ups and downs of our spiritual lives depend on our obedience - that is, our attentive listening - to the movements of the Spirit of God within us. Without this listening our spiritual life eventually becomes subject to the windswept waves of our emotions.