



ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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August 17, 2014 - *Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

8:30 AM - *"Hymn of Faith"*

Mass Book page 63.

READING I - Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Thus says the LORD: Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed.

The foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, ministering to him, loving the name of the LORD, and becoming his servants—all who keep the sabbath free from profanation and hold to my covenant, them I will bring to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM -

Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

R/ O God, let all the nations praise you!

May God have pity on us and bless us;
may he let his face shine upon us.

So may your way be known upon earth;
among all nations, your salvation.

R/ O God, let all the nations praise you!

May the nations be glad and exult
because you rule the peoples in equity;
the nations on the earth you guide.

R/ O God, let all the nations praise you!

May the peoples praise you, O God;
may all the peoples praise you!

May God bless us,

and may all the ends of the earth fear him!

R/ O God, let all the nations praise you!

READING 2 - Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Brothers and sisters: I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I glory in my ministry in order to make my race jealous and thus save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable. Just as you once disobeyed God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now disobeyed in order that, by virtue of the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all.

GOSPEL - Matthew 15:21-28

At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her. Jesus' disciples came and asked him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. This is the gospel of the Lord.

R/ Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN - *"Holy Holy, Holy"*

COMMUNION HYMN - *"Shepherd Me, O God"*

RECESSIONAL - *"Lead Me Lord"*

St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY...

Henri Nouwen

THE DOOR OPEN TO ANYONE

Jesus is the door to a life in and with God. "I am the gate," he says (John 10:9). "I am the Way; I am Truth and Life. No one can come to the Father except through me," (John 14:6). Still, many people never have heard or will hear of Jesus. They are born, live their lives, and die without having been exposed to Jesus and his words. Are they lost? Is there no place in the Father's house for them?

Jesus opened the door to God's house for all people, also for those who never knew or will know that it was Jesus who opened it. The Spirit that Jesus sent "blows where it pleases" (John 3:8). and it can lead anyone through the door to God's house.

WORDS WORTH NOTING...

"Laughter is not at all a bad beginning for a friendship, and it is far the best ending for one." –Oscar Wilde

"You have a lifetime to work, but children are only young once." –Polish Proverb

"Heaven is the place where the donkey at last catches up with the carrot."

–Anonymous

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS -

Helen Steiner Rice

THOUGHTS OF PEACE

When I just keep quiet and think only thoughts of peace and if I abide in stillness, my restless murmurings cease.

"Be still, and know that I am God."

–Psalm 46:10

Today accept yourself with loving-kindness. Be considerate of yourself. Take time to think quietly and peacefully and enjoy the serenity that emerges!

2014 ST. FRANCIS UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, August 24th - 1:00 p.m.
HOLY MASS with Fr. Edward Czudak
There will be NO 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Sunday, August 31st - 1:00 p.m.
HOLY MASS with Fr. Joseph Cyman
There will be NO 9:00 a.m. Mass.

~~**Saturday, October 4th - 1:00 p.m.**~~
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 - 3:00 p.m.**~~
**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.

DID YOU KNOW?

There is a correct time to drink water, or so says a cardiac specialist! Drinking water at certain times maximizes its effectiveness on the body:

- 2 glasses of water after waking up helps activate internal organs
- 1 glass of water 30 minutes before a meal helps digestion
- 1 glass of water before taking a bath helps lower blood pressure
- 1 glass of water before going to bed avoids stroke or heart attack and helps prevent leg cramps. Your leg muscles are seeking hydration when they cramp and wake you up with a Charlie Horse.

Dr. Virend Somers,
Cardiologist, Mayo Clinic

"Love is not patronizing and charity isn't about pity, it is about love. Charity and love are the same -- with charity you give love, so don't just give money but reach out your hand instead." –Mother Teresa