

ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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Transfiguration

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 FaExodus 16, 2-4, 12-152 Kings 4, 42-44

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

R/: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

What we have heard and know, and what our fathers have declared to us,
We will declare to the generation to come the glorious deeds of the Lord
and his strength and the wonders that he wrought.

R/: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

He commanded the skies above and the doors of heaven he opened;
He rained manna upon them for food and gave them heavenly bread.

R/: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

The bread of the mighty was eaten by men; even a surfeit of provisions he sent them.
And he brought them to his holy land, to the mountains his right hand had won.

R/: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

READING II - Ephesians 4, 17, 20-24

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

R/ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL - John 6, 24-35

A reading from the holy gospel according to St. John

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were at the place where Jesus had eaten the bread, they too embarked in the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them: "I assure you, you are not looking for me because you have seen signs but because you have eaten your fill of the loaves. You should not be working for perishable food but for food that remains unto life eternal, food which the Son of Man will give you; it is on him that God the Father has set his seal."

At this they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus replied: "This is the work of God: have faith in the One he sent." "So that we can put faith in you," they asked him, "what sign are you going to perform for us to see? What is the 'work' you do? Our ancestors had manna to eat in the desert; according to Scripture, 'He gave them bread from the heavens to eat!'" Jesus said to them: "I solemnly assure you, it was not Moses who gave you bread from the heavens; it is my Father who gives you the real heavenly bread. God's bread comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." "Sir, give us this bread always," they besought him.

Jesus explained to them: "I myself am the bread of life. No one who comes to me shall ever be hungry, no one who believes in me shall thirst again."

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"

TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS, August 6

The Divinity of Christ was made manifest to Sts. Peter, James and John when Jesus appeared before them on Mount Tabor and his face and clothing shone radiantly. His appearance before the apostles was a confirmation to them of his relation to the Church and his role as the Son of God. A feast in honor of the Transfiguration has been celebrated in the Christian churches of the East since the fifth century. In the Middle Ages, as interest grew in the Holy Land and the various sites connected with the life of Jesus, this feast was established in the Western Roman Empire.

Lord Jesus Christ, through your Transfiguration on the mount, strengthen our hearts lest they be broken by the scandal of the Cross. Enlightened by your grace, may we share in the brightness of your glory.

BREAD FOR 'THE JOURNEY...Henri Nouwen JESUS TAKES AWAY FATALITY

The great mystery of the incarnation is that God became human in Jesus so that all human flesh could be clothed with divine life. Our lives are fragile and destined to death. But since God, through Jesus, shared in our fragile and mortal lives, death no longer has the final word. Life has become victorious. Paul writes, "And after this perishable nature has put on imperishability and this mortal this mortal nature has put on immortality, then will the words of scripture come true: "Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting?" (1 Corinthians 15:54). Jesus has taken away the fatality of our existence and given our lives eternal value.

JUST A THOUGHT??? ...

• "Imagination is the beginning of creation, you imagine what you desire, you will what you imagine and at last you CREATE WHAT YOU WILL."

—George Bernard Shaw

• "Faith is the DARING OF THE SOUL to go farther than it can see." —Anonymous

• "For what is it to die but to stand naked in the wind and to melt into the sun? and what is to cease breathing, but to free breath from its restless tides, that it may RISE AND EXPAND AND SEEK GOD UNENCUMBERED? only when you drink from the river of silence shall you indeed sing, and WHEN YOU HAVE REACHED THE MOUNTAIN TOP, then you shall begin to climb, and when the earth shall claim your limbs, THEN SHALL YOU TRULY DANCE." —Kahlil Gibran

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS...

Helen Steiner Rice THE SUNSHINE OF LOVE

When the door to our heart is open wide, the sunshine of love will come inside.

"Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts." —Psalm 139:23

Today practice inward charm. It cultivates love. Love radiates from within!



MARY, QUEEN OF THE EARTH

We welcome and invite you to bring some flowers and herbs from your garden, next Sunday, honoring the 'Feast of the Assumption' August 15. This ancient Slavic and Polish custom is still maintained in many parishes. Tradition notes that bouquets would be brought to church this day, when the earth is at its most giving. The priest would say Mass and bless these bouquets. The newly blessed flowers and herbs would be taken home and used in a variety of ways. Most often the entire bouquet would be woven into a single wreath, while still fresh and pliable and hung near or over a holy picture. Herbs and produce would be used as needed. This custom has changed through time but still holds to honor, Mary, Queen of the Earth and Our Lord, from which all good things come!



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Kitchen, bathroom, living room stuff.

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Some used, some new.