



*August 28, 2011 - Twenty-Second 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.  
9:00 AM - "Hymn of Faith"  
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*READING I - 1 Jer 20:7-9*

You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed. All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me.

Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day.

I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

***R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.***

O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

***R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.***

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary to see your power and your glory, For your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you.

***R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.***

Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name. As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

***R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.***

You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy. My soul clings fast to you; your right hand upholds me.

***R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.***

*READING II - Romans 12:1-2*

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

Priest/Altar Server: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Verse.  
R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*GOSPEL - Matthew 16:21-27*

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct." This is the gospel of the Lord.

R/: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN -

*"Come Thou Almighty King"*

OUR FATHER -

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COMMUNION HYMN - *"Christ Be Our Light"*

RECESSIONAL HYMN -  
*"Hail Mary, Gentle Woman"*



## St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

### THE BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST (First Century)

His feast day is August 29<sup>th</sup>. St. John was born at Ain-Karim, near Jerusalem. His father was Zachary, a priest in Jerusalem, and his mother was Elizabeth, a kinswoman of the Virgin Mary. He lived as a hermit in the desert of Judea until 27. He began to preach along the banks of the Jordan River and stated, "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." Many people came to hear him, including several who would become Christ's apostles. It was John who baptized Jesus and pointed him out as "the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." After the baptism, John continued to preach along the banks of the Jordan. The Gospel of Mark records the circumstances of John the Baptist's death. Herod had John imprisoned because the Baptist had condemned the ruler's marriage to Herodias, his brother's wife. Infuriated with John, Herodias plotted to kill him. At a birthday banquet, Herod, delighted by the dancing of Herodias's daughter, told her he would give her anything she requested. At her mother's prompting, she told him, "I want you to give me the head of John the Baptist, here and now, on a dish." John's death is celebrated by a feast, because it resembles in so many ways the death of Jesus. Like his master, John went to death silently and helplessly, a victim of petty revenge, human cowardice and cruelty. His death in such absurd circumstances was his confession of faith in God, who alone sustains the human heart when it seems crushed by evil and injustice. His prayer: O God, make us faithful to truth and justice, as you did your servant, John the Baptist, herald of your Son's birth and death. Amen.



### ST. GREGORY THE GREAT, c. 540-604 "The chants that enchant the soul."

His feast day is September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Gregory, was from a wealthy family that had already produced two popes. Though he was honest and successful public servant and one of the richest in Rome, he gave up his position of prominence to devote his life to God. In 575, he converted his home into a monastery under the patronage of St. Andrew and the guidance of the monk, Valentius. He became a monk himself and established six more monasteries in Sicily. After the death Pope Pelagius II from the plague in 590, Gregory was elected to the papacy, the first monk to be so honored. As head of the church he sent the great St. Augustine to bring the Gospel to England. He was a man of many interests and humane sensibilities in an age when peace and compassion were in short supply. Throughout his fourteen-year reign, Gregory wrote sermons, letters, biographies of the saints, and songs and hymns, and he put his weight behind reforming the liturgy. In time, his name would be synonymous with the magnificent stylistic chant - Gregorian chant - one of the greatest forms of sacred music in the Catholic Church. When Gregory died in Rome, the Roman people, true to form and loyal to the man they loved, acclaimed him a saint immediately. His prayer, Gregory, you called yourself the "servant of the servants of God," a title that every pope since you used. Help me find true value in serving others, even those who are servants. I pray for the humility to place myself under others and serve for higher motives than prestige or recognition for the work I do. Amen.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Know that even a single celebration of Holy Mass, whenever and wherever offered, since it represents the very sacrifice of Our Lord on Calvary, is of itself capable of saving and sanctifying us all. Mass dates are available for Requiem or Health Need Intentions. Please call or contact Fr. Andrew with your intentions. Peace and God's care!

### HIS WORDS - PATIENCE

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."  
—Galatians 6:9

### LET MY PRAYER RISE

Find our parish a diverse and welcoming Catholic family of faith, where the worship of Jesus Christ is the center of our life and purpose. Please join us in the Celebration of the Eucharist, each Sunday at 9 am. We aim in these challenging times to affirm God's love for the world by the power of the Holy Spirit & strive to embody the grace, love & hope of Jesus Christ through opportunities for spiritual growth & faithful service. In addition join us after Mass, in the Parish Hall, for coffee & a roll, time given to listen, care & share with one another. Our journey continues...as we let our prayers rise!

**SAVE THE DATES for  
ST. FRANCIS UPCOMING EVENTS**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2011 - 1 p.m.**  
Blessing of the Animals by Father Andrew  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2011 - 3 p.m.**  
St. Francis Fall Fund-raiser Dinner.  
Volunteer to help.  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2011 - 3 p.m.**  
Christmas Dinner Fund-raiser