

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.**

9:00 am - CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

ENTRANCE HYMN: *"Hymn of Faith"*

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READING I - Isaiah 50:4-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

R/: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

I love the Lord because he has heard my voice in supplication,
Because he has inclined his ear to me the day I called.

R/: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

The cords of death encompassed me; the snares of the nether world seized upon me;
I fell into distress and sorrow, And I called upon the name of the Lord, "O Lord, save my life!"

R/: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Gracious is the Lord and just; yes, our God is merciful.
The Lord keeps the little ones; I was brought low, and he saved me.

R/: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

For he has freed my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.
I shall walk before the Lord in the lands of the living.

R/: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

READING II - James 2, 14-18

Priest or Cantor: Alleluia **R./ Alleluia.** Verse. **R./ Alleluia.**

GOSPEL - Mark 8, 27-35

A reading from the holy gospel according to St. Mark

Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages around Caesarea Phillippi. On the way he asked his disciples this question: "Who do people say that I am?" They replied, "Some, John the Baptizer, others, Elijah, still others, one of the prophets." "And you," he went on to ask, "who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah!" Then he strictly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man had to suffer much, be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, be put to death, and rise three days later. He said this quite openly. Peter then took him aside and began to remonstrate with him. At this he turned around and, eyeing the disciples, reprimanded Peter in turn: "Get out of my sight, you satan! You are not judging by God's standards but by man's!"

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them: "If a man wishes to come after me, he must deny his very self, take up his cross, and follow in my steps. Whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it."

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

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - *"Come Thou Almighty King"*

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COMMUNION - *"O Lord I Am Not Worthy" & "Just As I Am"*

RECESSIONAL HYMN - *"How Great Thou Art"*



St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

THE TRIUMPH OF THE HOLY CROSS

September 14

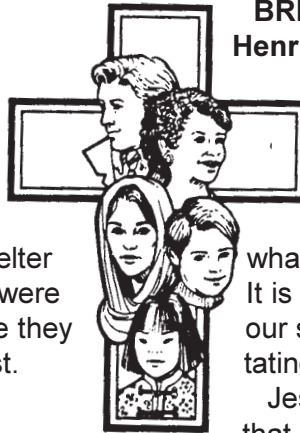
St. Paul the Apostle spoke of the power of Christ's Cross. According to tradition, the Empress Helena discovered the Lord's Cross in Jerusalem on September 14, 320. Five years later, a great church was built on Mount Calvary by Emperor Constantine to shelter the holy relic. Parts of the wood of the Cross were sent to the major cities of Christendom, where they were shown to the faithful on this special feast.

We worship you, O Christ,
and we praise you, because by your
Cross you have redeemed the world.
By this holy tree
you gave your people victory,
and put aside the tree of our defeat.

OUR LADY OF THE SORROWS, September 15

The feast, popular in the Middle Ages, follows the feast of Mary's birth on September 8. It recalls the special bond between Jesus and Mary and reminds us of the torment and suffering of Christ. Mary suffered greatly as the Mother of God, and the pain she felt was real. The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows recalls the succession of sorrows Mary experienced during her life; the prophecy she heard from Simeon in the temple, the flight into Egypt, the three day loss of Jesus on the pilgrimage to Jerusalem, meeting Jesus on the way to Calvary, the hours she stood beneath the Cross, the removal of Jesus from the Cross, and the burial of Jesus in a tomb.

Holy Mother, pierce me through; In my heart each wound renew of my Savior crucified.



BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY ...

Henri Nouwen

REMAINING ANCHORED IN LOVE

When we are anxious we are inclined to over-prepare. We wonder what to say when we are attacked, how to respond when we are being interrogated, and what defense to put up when we are accused. It is precisely this turmoil that makes us lose our self-confidence and creates in us a debilitating self-consciousness.

Jesus tells us not to worry at all and to trust that he will give us the words and wisdom we need. What is important is not that we have a little speech ready but that we remain deeply anchored in the love of Jesus, secure about who we are in this world and why we are here. With our hearts connected to the heart of Jesus, we will always know what to say when the time to speak comes.

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS ... Helen Steiner Rice THIS NEW DAY

What will you do with this day that's so new? the choice is yours - God leaves that to you!

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24

Today and every day keep your priorities straight keep first things first!

ST. FRANCIS NOTES...

GRANDPARENTS' DAY:

Sunday, September 13. "Happy Grandparents' Day" to all!

ST. FRANCIS CELEBRATION!!!

Please ask how 'YOU' can help make this special event another grand success for our parish?

BLESSING OF ANIMALS:

Welcoming all to bring their pets both big and small. The special service will be held in church. Saturday, October 3rd at 1 p.m.

THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS:

Mass honoring our patron saint, Sunday, October 4th at 9 a.m. **Celebration Dinner**, will be held at 3 p.m.. We welcome all to join us!

