



ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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September 20, 2009 • Twenty-Fifth 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 - CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

ENTRANCE HYMN: *"Hymn of Faith"*

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READING I - Wisdom 2:12, 17-29

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

R/: The Lord upholds my life.

O God, by your name save me, and by your might defend my cause.

O God, hear my prayer; harken to the words of my mouth.

R/: The Lord upholds my life.

For haughty men have risen up against me, and fierce men seek my life;
they set not God before their eyes.

R/: The Lord upholds my life.

Behold, God is my helper; the Lord sustains my life.

Freely will I offer you sacrifice; I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness.

R/: The Lord upholds my life.

READING II - James 3:16-4:3

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

GOSPEL - Mark 9:30-37

A reading from the holy gospel according to St. Mark

Jesus and his disciples came down the mountain and began to go through Galilee, but he did not want anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciplines in this vein: "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men who will put him to death; three days after his death he will rise."

Though they failed to understand his words, they were afraid to question him.

They returned to Capernaum and Jesus, once inside the house, began to ask them, "What were you discussing on the way home?" At this they fell silent, for on the way they had been arguing about who was the most important. So he sat down and called the Twelve around him and said, "If anyone wishes to rank first, he must remain the last one of all, the servant of all." Then he took a little child, stood him in their midst, and putting his arms around him, said to them, "Whoever welcomes a child such as this for my sake welcomes me. And whoever welcomes me welcomes, not me, but him who sent me."

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"

ST. MATTHEW, apostle and evangelist, September 21



The call of St. Matthew, the tax collector, to be one of the twelve apostles of Jesus is described in the Gospel which bears his name. "Jesus saw a man named Matthew at his post where taxes were collected. He said to him, 'Follow me!' And Matthew got up and followed him."

It is hard to imagine a more unlikely person for Jesus to call as a companion than Matthew. Tax

collectors, as agents of a hated Roman government and members of a profession known for unfairness and greed, were despised by the Jewish people. They were excluded from the synagogue and the temple. No good Jew would have anything to do with them.

When Jesus invited Matthew to follow him and then ate at his house where Matthew's friends, outsiders like himself, were gathered, he heard the outraged comments of Capernaum's local leaders. "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" Jesus answered simply, "Those who are well have no need of a doctor; sick people do."

By calling Matthew, Jesus invited an outcast to enjoy the healing friendship of God. In a lesson of love, he showed that God wants all, no matter who they are, to share his life.

According to tradition, Matthew wrote down the stories and words of Jesus in Aramaic, the ancient language of Palestine. The first Gospel had its origins in him. Among the evangelists he is symbolized by the figure of a man, because Matthew's Gospel begins with the human origins of Jesus. There are reports that Matthew left Judea and preached in the East, where he was martyred in Ethiopia.

"God, may we follow your call!"

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY ... Henri Nouwen KEEPING CLOSE TO THE WORD OF JESUS

The words of Jesus can keep us erect and confident in the midst of the turmoil of the end-time. They can support us, encourage us, and give us life even when everything around us speaks of death. Jesus' words are food for eternal life. They do much more than give us ideas and inspiration. They lead us into the eternal life while we are still being clothed in mortal flesh.

When we keep close to the word of Jesus, reflecting on it, "chewing" on it, eating it as food for the soul, we will enter even more deeply into the everlasting love of God.

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS ... Helen Steiner Rice HEAR ME WHEN I PRAY

Help me when I falter, hear me when I pray, receive me in Thy kingdom to dwell with Thee someday.

"One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple." —Psalm 27:4

Today, if you stumble, know that God is willing and ready to assist you to your feet. Do not fear!

ST. FRANCIS NOTES ...

PREPARATIONS FOR THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS:

FRANCIS: We have sent fliers about our event to veterinarians, animal adoption centers and to those on our parish mailing lists. We again will offer medals of St. Francis and prayer cards. We hope to obtain Fall chrysanthemums to adorn our altars and beautify the church for the Blessing and Mass. Please ask how you can help make this another successful event for our parish? Thank you to all!

BLESSING OF ANIMALS: Welcoming all to bring their pets both big and little, this special service will be held in church, Saturday, October 3, at 1 p.m..

THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS: Mass honoring our patron saint, Sunday, October 4, at 9 a.m.

CELEBRATION DINNER will be held at 3 p.m.. We welcome all to join us!

