

# 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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1<sup>ST</sup> READING I - Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 96, 1:3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10

**R/: Give the Lord glory and honor.**

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all you lands.

Tell his glory among the nation; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

**R/: Give the Lord glory and honor.**

For great is the Lord and highly to be praised; awesome is he, beyond all gods.

For all the gods of the nations are things of nought, but the Lord made the heavens.

**R/: Give the Lord glory and honor.**

Give to the Lord, you families of nations, give to the Lord glory and praise;  
give to the Lord the glory due his name! Bring gifts, and enter his courts

**R/: Give the Lord glory and honor.**

Worship the Lord in holy attire; tremble before him, all the earth;

Say among the nations: The Lord is king, he governs the peoples with equity.

**R/: Give the Lord glory and honor.**

READING II - I Thessalonians 1:1-5

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

GOSPEL - Matthew 22:15-21

A reading from the holy gospel according to St. Matthew

The Pharisees went off and began to plot how they might trap Jesus in speech. They sent their disciples to him, accompanied by Herodian sympathizers, who said: "Teacher, we know you are a truthful man and teach God's way sincerely. You court no one's favor and do not act out of human respect. Give us your opinion, then, in this case: Is it lawful to pay tax to the emperor or not?" Jesus recognized their bad faith and said to them, "Why are you trying to trip me up, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." When they handed him a small Roman coin he asked them, "Whose head is this, and whose inscription?" "Caesar's," they replied. At that he said to them, "Then give to Caesar what is Caesar's, but give to God what is God's." This is the gospel of the Lord. **R:/ Praise be to you Lord, Jesus Christ.**

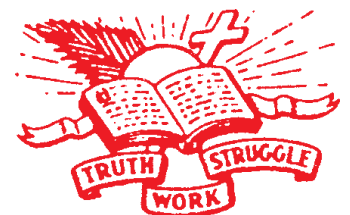
GENERAL CONCESSIONS: **God, Hear Us!**

OFFERTORY HYMN - *"Let There Be Peace on Earth"*

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COMMUNION - *"Just As I Am"* & *"We Gather Together"*

RECESSIONAL HYMN - *"Prayer of St. Francis"*



# St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

## ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS (1694-1775)

October 19

ST. PAUL FRANCIS DANEO, founder of the Passionists, was born at Ovada, Italy, on January 3, 1694. He was the eldest of six children who survived from a family of fifteen. His merchant father, Luca and his mother, Anna Marie, gave him their own deep faith and courage. Early in life Paul knew the meaning of life and death. Sensitive and enthusiastic, he was mostly self-taught, with an excellent memory and good appreciation of human nature.

In July 1713, while listening to a sermon preached by his parish priest, he received an interior grace that drew him closely to God. Influenced by this original fervor he went in 1715 to enroll in an armed crusade from Venice against Turkish invaders. He hoped to give his life for his faith. On his way to enlist, however, he stopped to visit the Blessed Sacrament in a church and saw clearly that his vocation was not to be a soldier, but that it was to take another form. From 1717 to 1720, he received many graces that indicated he was to found a community to keep alive the memory of the Passion of our Lord. Under the guidance of Bishop Di Gottinara he made a long retreat of forty days in which God prepared his spirit for his life work as a missionary and founder of a religious community.

After serving the sick at the hospital of San Gallicano in Rome, he was ordained a priest in 1727 by Pope Benedict XIII. With six companions he went to live on Monte Argentario and began a long career as a preacher and spiritual director. His sermons on the Passion of Jesus moved the hearts of many in the poor and neglected areas of central Italy. The most hardened of sinners were changed after hearing him speak. Great numbers of men and women were led to deep prayer and union with God through his guidance. He took upon himself the burdens of the people he met and often experienced great desolation and abandonment by God. Yet Paul continued with patient faith to preach and minister to the people at every opportunity.



*On the street I saw a small girl  
cold and shivering in a thin dress,  
with little hope of a decent meal  
I became angry and said to God:  
"Why did you permit this?  
Why don't you do  
something about it?"  
For a while God said nothing.  
That night, he replied  
quite suddenly:  
"I certainly did something about it  
— I made you."*

For over fifty years, he preached the Passion of Christ by word and example. This "Hunter of Souls," as he was called, planted and revived the faith wherever he labored. He died at Rome on October 18, 1775, in his eighty-second year.

Communities of Passionist men and women, inspired with his dedication to Christ Crucified, are throughout the world today.

## BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY...

Henri Nouwen

### THE TWO SIDES OF ONE FAITH

Our faith in God who sent his Son to become God-with-us and who, with his Son, sent his Spirit to become God-within-us cannot be real without our faith in the Church. The Church is that unlikely body of people through whom God chooses to reveal God's love for us. Just as it seems unlikely to us that God chose to become human in a young girl living in a small, not very respected town in the Middle East nearly two thousand years ago, it seems unlikely that God chose to continue his work of salvation in a community of people constantly torn apart by arguments, prejudices, authority conflicts, and power games.

Still, believing in Jesus and believing in the Church are two sides of one faith. It is unlikely but divine!

## WORDS OF WISDOM...

### ENLIGHTENMENT

"We cannot only live for ourselves. A thousand fibers connect us with our fellow man; and along those fibers, as sympathetic threads, our actions run as causes, and THEY COME BACK TO US as effects." - MELVILLE

## ONE MINUTE

### DEVOTIONS...

Helen Steiner Rice

### GOD IS ALL

### AROUND YOU

If you would find the Savior, no need to search afar for God is all around you, no matter where you are!

"You hem me in - behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me." Psalm 139: 5

Today be alert to God's presence - in yourself, in others, in nature!