

# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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October 26, 2008 • Thirtieth 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"*

CONTEMPORARY RITE - Mass Book page 63

READING I - Exodus 22:20-26

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

**R/: I love you, Lord, my strength.**

I love, O Lord, my strength, O Lord, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.

**R/: I love you, Lord, my strength.**

My God, my rock of refuge, my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold!

Praised be the Lord, I exclaim, and I am safe from my enemies.

**R/: I love you, Lord, my strength.**

The Lord live! And blessed by my Rock! Extolled be God my savior.

You who gave great victories to your king and showed kindness to your anointed.

**R/: I love you, Lord, my strength.**

READING II - I Thessalonians 1:5-10

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

GOSPEL - Matthew 22:34-40

A reading from the holy gospel according to St. Matthew

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they assembled in a body; and one of them, a lawyer, in an attempt to trip him up, asked him, "teacher, which commandment of the law is the greatest?" Jesus said to him:

"You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, and with all your mind."

This is the greatest and first commandment. The second is like it:

'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

On these two commandments the whole law is based, and the prophets as well."

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"

## **STS. SIMON and ST. JUDE (first century) October 28**

Little is known of Sts. Simon and Jude except that they were chosen by Jesus as apostles and appear well down on the list of twelve. They do not figure prominently in the Gospel stories, as do some other apostles. After Jesus' Ascension there is no reliable account of what happened to them. Stories of their founding the Church in Syria and Egypt are groundless.

Unlike Sts. Peter and Paul, whose words and deeds are widely reported in Scripture and whose achievements dramatically affected the society of their day, Simon and Jude appear to have done little in their lives that was notable. Yet the Church celebrates them among her founders, seeing their preaching revealing God to us and their prayers aiding her growth.

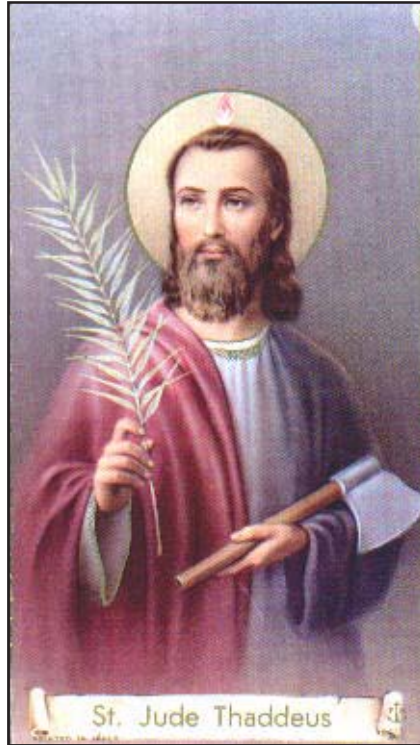
The apostles were not of one mold. Some, like Peter and Paul, were active public figures immersed in the controversy and changing movements of their time. Others, perhaps like Simon and Jude, may have taken a quieter path. Yet their voices too have been heard through all the earth.

Not only brilliant, active, and achieving apostles communicate the faith. Some, also apostles, may pass on this treasure in simpler, unnoticed ways; ordinary sowers, they cast the seed of faith undramatically on a world waiting for harvest.

'Lord, may we follow and serve you.'

## **BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY... Henri Nouwen THE AUTHORITY OF COMPASSION**

The Church often wounds us deeply. People with religious authority often wound us by their words, attitudes, and demands. Precisely because our religion brings us in touch with the questions of life and death, our religious sensibilities can get hurt most easily. Ministers and priests seldom fully realize how a critical remark, a gesture of rejection, or an act of impatience can be remembered for life by those to whom it is directed.



There is such an enormous hunger for meaning in life, for comfort and consolation, for forgiveness and reconciliation, for restoration and healing, that anyone who has any authority in the Church should constantly be reminded that the best word to characterize religious authority is compassion. Let's keep looking at Jesus, whose authority was expressed in compassion.

## **HIS WORDS ... COMFORT**

'The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.'

— Psalm 18:2

## **ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS...**

### **Helen Steiner Rice STRENGTH FOR THE DAY**

God did not promise sun without rain; light without darkness, or joy without pain - He only promised us strength for the day when the darkness comes and we lose our way.

"If I say, 'Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,' even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you." —Psalm 139:11-12

Today generate understanding and radiate love. Try turning the light on in the life of another individual!

## **ST. FRANCIS NOTES ...**

**OUR NEW GAS BURNER...**is in place and near completion! The final gas hook-ups for the kitchen stove and outside gas-grill should be completed this week.

**BACK-ROOM...**in the downstairs, hall, has had the old oil burner removed. With this additional space, Fr. Andrew has expanded this room with the hope to finish this space for the Parish's future use.

**HALL RENTALS ...**have increased for the coming month and are helping greatly in our church's financial aid. Please help us in this effort and note our Hall Rental to family and friends. Thank you!