

ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Lord, make me a channel of your peace." —St. Francis

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September 3, 2017- *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.

1:00 PM - "*Hymn of Faith*"

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READING I -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 2 - 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/Lector: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Priest/Lector: May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.

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 - "*Just As I Am*"

COMMUNION HYMN - "*Gather Your People*"

RECESSIONAL - "*One Spirit, One Church*"

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT, c. 540-604

"The chants that enchant the soul."

His feast day is September 3rd. 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.

**FROM THE HEART - Helen Steiner Rice
IN GOD'S HANDS**

The way we use adversity is strictly our own choice, for in God's hands adversity can make the heart rejoice. "I will be glad and rejoice in your love, for you saw my affliction and knew the anguish of my soul." —Psalm 31:7 Today demonstrate dependability, for it is equally as important as your ability!

PRAY FOR SEEMINGLY HOPELESS (ST. JUDE)

Perhaps of all the season of the year, summer is the hardest time to bear a "terminal illness". The world is in bloom. Sounds of children playing, garden talk, sounds and sights of life in bloom. How unfair it all must seem to the men and women and children who know they must bear the label quietly spoken by others as "hopeless cases." It makes a person of deep faith to keep the whole picture in mind, the full spectrum of life the birth day, the living out of God's gift of life, and the return home to God and life in eternity. In the tradition 'of our Church, we know that miracles do happen. Miracles of all kinds, great and small, everyday. God is with us, often whether we wish God to be there or not. God is present, caressing and sustaining our lives, lives that truly are so fragile as we approach death. Our Church tradition also teaches that miracles are given as a special gift of God. We don't know why or how miracles, like full healing, come about. And it is always foolish, even harmful, for well meaning people to impose on the dying the so called guaranteed "miracles" of theatrical types of "miracle-workers" In fact, the Church teaches that miracles are given to us by God to enrich the faith of the Church, to help others come to Christ. Case in point; the thousands who visit the famed Shrine of Lourdes each year. Many come away "healed in spirit" if not "cured" of bodily ills. These remarkable people, often labeled "hopeless cases," find spiritual refreshment as they depart their pilgrimage and return home. As their cases are regarded as an "uphill battle all the way," even family members are amazed at the new found peace, and the wider perspective on life such pilgrims discover in the experience of holy sites. This season, in the midst of blooms, children's laughter, and life so truly in abundance, find time to pray for those who approach the final threshold of death. And know that you have a friend in Jude, the First Century Apostle and Martyr. Renowned over the centuries as the "saint of hopeless cases," his example can buttress your faith and that of the dying. Pray that they may take courage and benefit from the intercession of St. Jude on their behalf.

Take a moment out and pray...

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Health Needs: Jesus, we ask you to bring peace and your healing touch to those who are ill, afraid or worried. Amen.

Health Needs of: Toni Panico, Iris Cafran, John Luis Vasquez, Sophia Kyriakakis, Fred Frankel, Robert Haemer, Gregory Klein, Jim Richards, Nancy Foley, Thomas Maloney, Bill Mullan, Linda Frysztacki, Lorri Russo, Nancy Fernandez Petrozza, Susan Leach, Stella Silva, Michele Feudale, Linda Maloney, Lorraine Avitabile, Blanca Vasquez, Elena Guigui, Theresa Kasmark, Emma Zaradich, Joe Stewart, Constance Citrola, Elizabeth Zitzmann, Anne Grusell, Teresa Kay, Sidra Lewis, Billy Murphy, Con Boyle, John Blenn, Carla Calabrese, MaryAnn McEvoy, Gary P. Ribis, Frank Kompa, Rosalie Drenckhahn, James Kostolni, Ann Klein-Siebuhr, Eileen McChesney, Frank Kompa, & for all those who care for the sick and disabled.

Requiem Intentions Eternal rest give unto him, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

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