



ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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September 17, 2017- *Twenty-fourth 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 - "Hymn of Faith"

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READING I - Sir 27:30-28:7

Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight. The vengeful will suffer the LORD's vengeance, for he remembers their sins in detail. Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the LORD? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins? If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins? Remember your last days, set enmity aside; remember death and decay, and cease from sin! Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor; remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills. redeems your life from destruction, he crowns you with kindness and compassion.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

He will not always chide, nor does he keep his wrath forever. Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

READING II - 2 Rom 14:7-9

Brothers and sisters: None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and

came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Priest/Lector: I give you a new commandment, says the Lord; love one another as I have loved you..

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL - Matthew 18:21-35

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

This is the gospel of the Lord.

R/: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN - "*Blessed Assurance*"

COMMUNION HYMN - "*Christ Be Our Light*"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "*Hail Mary, Gentle Woman*"

St. Francis Weekly "Faith Renewed"



ST. MATTHEW (first century) - 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 origin 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.

- O God, may we follow your call.

MARY - MODEL FOR MEN AND WOMEN?

Who are the role models for today's youth? That's the question. And do we really want to know the answer? Experts, however, tell us not to worry. Most young people want to be like someone they already know somebody who has given them love and security and attention. That outstanding person is usually a grandmother or a mother, a father or an older brother or sister. They are the people who set the pattern the next generation will use as a guide. And count on it: You are one of those unsuspecting role models. For starters, you can work on being the best role model you can be. And just as people on a diet devise a "plan" to help

MARK THE DATES!

Saturday, September 30, 1 p.m.
 Celebration of St. Francis "Day"
 Blessing of the Animals. Bring your pets,
 and tell your friends to bring their pets

Sunday, December 3, 3 p.m.
 St. Nicholas Fund-raiser Dinner
 All are welcome. Ask how you can help.

them achieve their goal, good role models need a plan to keep themselves on track. Here is one, with practical steps to consider: For each day of the week, practice a virtue - be more temperate in speech; be kind, genuinely kind, even in small things (like being on time as a courtesy to others); practice justice; give love and don't just wait to receive it. For each of us knows where our faults lie -and there we find the beginning of the plan. Each fault has a corresponding virtue. Pick seven. Mark one virtue on the calendar for each day of the week, and practice that, even for one hour a day. Begin with Sunday. Give gratitude to God by making time for family and friends. Appreciate being human, being alive. Get off the workaholic treadmill! Think of what it says about the value of human life. And for your role model? Who better than Mary, the Mother of God. And who better than Mary to be hailed as the Queen of Daily Living - for daily life is the place where we must work hard to be good role models. Mary enjoyed life and friendship. See her role in the Marriage Feast of Cana. She knew and practiced good listening, from the heart as well as ears. And she knew and practiced giving love. And loyalty. Mary stood by Jesus even to the end...and beyond...in His resurrected life. Mary gave her heart once and forever. She never let Him down. A role model for every Christian man and woman!

Take a moment out and pray...

† † † † † † † † **PRAYER** † † † † † † † † †

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 Kasmak, 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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