



ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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October 1, 2017- *Twenty-sixth 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 - Ez 18:25-28

Thus says the LORD: You say, "The LORD's way is not fair!" Hear now, house of Israel: Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair? When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die. But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, he does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life; since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM -

Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

R/ Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.

R/ Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old. The sins of my youth and my frailties remember not; in your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.

R/ Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble his way.

R/ Remember your mercies, O Lord.

READING 2 - Phillipians 2:1-5

Brothers and sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others.

Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Priest/Lector: My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL - Matthew 21:28-32

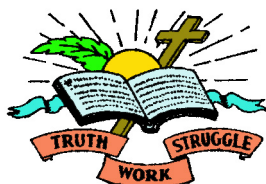
Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, 'but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." "This is the gospel of the Lord.

R/ Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN - "*Blessed Assurance*"

COMMUNION HYMN - "*Taste and See*"

RECESSIONAL - "*Sing of the Lord's Goodness*"



St. Francis Weekly "Faith Renewed"

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI (1181-1226) October 4

Born into a wealthy Italian family in 1181. The son of a wealthy cloth merchant, he enjoyed the benefits of his father's success; good food, fine clothing, and entertainment, a busy social life and a place in his father's business. Love of adventure prompted him to become involved in the wars then waged through the cities and regions of Italy.

On his way to battle at Spoleto one day, when he was in his early twenties, he became ill and heard a voice telling him to "serve the master rather than men." Returning to Assisi, he experienced a great change within himself. Meeting a leper on the road, he embraced him and gave him alms. He began to visit the sick and support the poor. Praying one day before the crucifix in the deserted country church of St. Damian, he heard a voice saying to him, "Francis, go and rebuild my house; it is falling down." In 1206, the young man left and sold his goods to repair the poor churches in his neighborhood and to care for the needy.

His father, thinking his son had gone mad, summoned him before the bishops. Francis stripped off his clothes and giving them to his father said, "I have called you my father on earth, but now I say, 'Our Father, who art in heaven.'" He left his father's home to follow Christ as a poor man, vowing to keep the words of the Gospel literally. Francis wished to preach the kingdom of heaven, to give freely what he received, to possess neither gold or silver.

Joyful, simple, a-lover of people and nature, Francis soon attracted companions who shared his love of Christ and the Gospel. In 1210, he went to Rome to seek approval of his way of life from Pope Innocent III.

Blessing his endeavor and officially recognizing the Franciscans, the pope afterwards told of a dream in which he saw Francis holding up the pillars of the Church. He was joined by St. Clare in 1212 and convened over five thousand Franciscans at Assisi in 1219 for the General Chapter of Mats.

With his call to return to the spirit of the Gospel, Francis gave new life to the Christian people of Italy and Europe. Missionaries were sent to Tunis and Morocco for the first time in 1219. He also traveled to the Holy Land where he preached to the Moslems and visited the places where Jesus lived and died. During this journey, he unsuccessfully tried to convert Sultan Malek al-Kamil of Egypt. His deep affection for the events of Jesus' life inspired him to create the Holy Child's birth at Christmas by erecting a creche at Gre-

chia in 1223. He loved the Passion of Jesus so much that he received the wounds of Christ known as the stigmata on his own body on the feast of the Holy Cross in 1224. "Nothing comforts me so much as to think of the life and Passion of our Lord," he said "Were I to live till the end of the world I would need no other book."

In poor health and half blind, Francis died welcoming his Sister Death, while the Passion of Jesus was read aloud from the Gospel on October 3, 1226.

THE BLESSINGS OF SAINT FRANCIS

† Install in your backyard or garden, or even in a screened-in porch, a statue of St. Francis. If your statue is outside, put up a bird feeder and maintain it in the name of St. Francis, who loved all creatures, perhaps especially birds.

† Hang the print of a beautiful painting of St. Francis, such as the work by the Italian artist Giotto titled St. Francis Preaching to the Birds, in an indoor or outdoor garden room of your home.

† Do charitable works for the poor, especially those poor who are sick or otherwise suffering.

† Take your pet animals to be blessed.

WAYS TO HONOR AND INVOKE 'PEACE BE WITH YOU'

We must remember that St. Francis was a Christ-centered man. He would want any celebration honoring him to take place in a Eucharistic Celebration, honoring our Savior, our Lord, Jesus Christ! In his humble and simple life he so embraced the spirit of Holy Poverty. He realized that all the world around him was a gift, a gift given by great wisdom and knowledge, he noted - "whatever each one is in the eye of God, that he is and no more - a human being; only God is all holy, only God is God," so to most fittingly honor the Servant, Francis, we must consciously honor the Master, the Lord! Peace be with You!



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, 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, Nina Dobrowolska, George Heyen, 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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