



# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

*February 19, 2017 - Seventh 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 - Lv 19:1-2, 17-18

The LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the whole Israelite community and tell them: Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.

"You shall not bear hatred for your brother or sister in your heart. Though you may have to reprove your fellow citizen, do not incur sin because of him. Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD."

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13

*R/ The Lord is kind and merciful.*

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.*

He pardons all your iniquities,  
heals all your ills.

He redeems your life from destruction,  
crowns you with kindness and compassion.

*R/ The Lord is kind and merciful.*

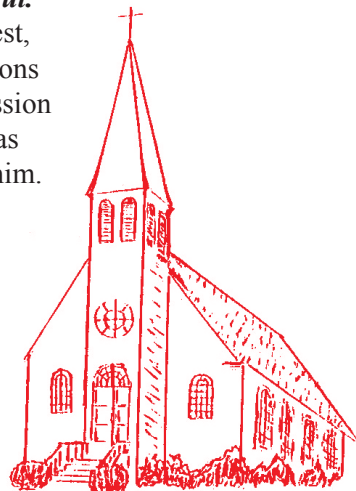
Merciful and gracious is the LORD,  
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

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.*

As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he put our transgressions  
from us. As a father has compassion  
on his children, so the LORD has  
compassion on those who fear him.

*R/ The Lord is kind  
and merciful.*



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## READING 2 - 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Brothers and sisters: Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for the temple of God, which you are, is holy.

Let no one deceive himself. If any one among you considers himself wise in this age, let him become a fool, so as to become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God, for it is written: God catches the wise in their own ruses, and again: The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.

So let no one boast about human beings, for everything belongs to you, Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or the present or the future: all belong to you, and you to Christ, and Christ to God.

**Priest/Lector:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

**R:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Priest/Lector:** Whoever keeps the word of Christ, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

**R:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

## GOSPEL - Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: "You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles. Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow. "You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

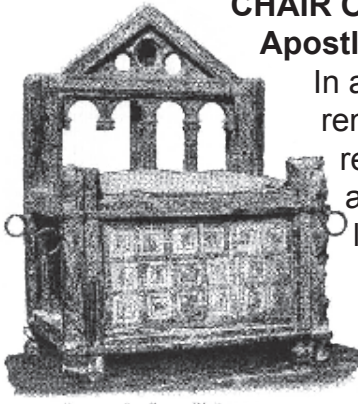
## GENERAL CONCESSIONS

OFFERTORY HYMN - *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

COMMUNION HYMN - *Shepherd Me, O God*

RECESSIONAL - *Lead Me, Lord*

**CHAIR OF ST. PETER,  
Apostle, February 22**



In ancient Rome, families remembered their dead relatives and friends at a feast during the latter part of February in which an empty chair represented their deceased. Since the early Christians

did not know the date of St.

Peter's death, they remembered him with a feast around his empty chair on February 22. Later, the Church would see the Chair of St. Peter as a symbol of his authority as the first bishop of both Rome and Antioch. It was to Peter that Jesus said, "I have prayed for you, Peter, that your faith may not fail; and when you have turned to me, you must strengthen the faith of your brothers and sisters."

His prayer: Father, you have built your Church on Peter's confession of faith. May nothing weaken your gift of faith and love. Amen.

**ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS...**

**Helen Steiner Rice KEEP ON SMILING**

Just keep on smiling whatever betide you, secure in the Knowledge God is always beside you.

"The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth." —Psalms 145:18

Today maintain a happy expression and a cheerful attitude, knowing that God is with you!

**CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT**

We pray that Christ be our light, to shine upon the church and all gathered. Welcome and invite your family and friends to join us each Sunday, as we celebrate the Holy Eucharist, Holy Mass, at 9 a.m.. Always our invitation to join us in the Parish Hall, after Mass, for coffee and a roll, time to share, listen and care with one another. May Christ be our light!

**BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY -**

**Henri Nouwen**

**A reflection of faith and wisdom...**

**CREATING SPACE FOR GOD**

Discipline is the other side of discipleship. Discipline without discipline is like waiting to run in the marathon without ever practicing. Discipline without discipleship is like always practicing for the marathon out never participating. It is important, however, to realize that discipline in the spiritual life is not the same as discipline in sports. Discipline in sports is the concentrated effort to master the body so that it can obey the mind better. Discipline in the spiritual life is the concentrated effort to create the space and time where God can become our master and where we can respond freely to God's guidance.

Thus, discipline is the creation of boundaries that Keep time and space open for God. Solitude requires discipline, worship requires discipline, caring for others requires discipline. They all ask us to set apart a time and a place where God's gracious presence can be acknowledged and responded to.

