



# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow. Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

8:30 AM - "Hymn of Faith"

Mass Book page 63.

## READING I - Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the LORD: Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM -

Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14

**R/ The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

You have visited the land and watered it; greatly have you enriched it. God's watercourses are filled; you have prepared the grain.

**R/ The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

Thus have you prepared the land: drenching its furrows, breaking up its clods, Softening it with showers, blessing its yield.

**R/ The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with a rich harvest; The untilled meadows overflow with it, and rejoicing clothes the hills.

**R/ The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

The fields are garmented with flocks and the valleys blanketed with grain. They shout and sing for joy.

**R/ The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

## READING 2 - Romans 8:18-23

Brothers and sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

Priest/Cantor: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**R/ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Priest/Cantor: The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower. All who come to him will have life forever.

**R/ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## GOSPEL - Matthew 13:1-9 (short version)

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear." This is the word of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Just As I Am"

COMMUNION HYMN - "Bread of Life"

RECESSIONAL - "Prayer of St. Francis"



# Little Francis Love Notes

By Julie Hanna

Note 1

To be more loving, takes practice.  
I need to practice, practice, practice.  
Everyday!

Note 2

I can't do everything.  
But everything I do, I can do with love.

Note 3

Hurtful things wrinkle my heart--  
forgiveness puts it back into shape.

Note 4

Sometimes we need a change of heart!

Note 5

God gave me knees for a good reason--  
to get close to the earth!

Note 6

Sometimes it helps to talk to somebody  
who's 'down-to-earth.'

Note 7

It's best to try and look at others  
from the inside out.

Note 5

God makes everyone's heart the same color.

"The great danger for family life, in the midst of any society whose idols are pleasure, comfort and independence, lies in the fact that people close their hearts and become selfish."

— Pope John Paul II

(shared by Anne Klein, 2014)

### LITTLE FRANCIS

He was born to nobility.  
He gave it up for simplicity.  
He'd answer to the voice of greed,  
"God's love is all I'll ever need."

He didn't use philosophy,  
He hadn't heard of ecology.  
He didn't preach theology.  
He simply lived God's love.

He listened to the mountains; the valleys too.  
The listened to the water and the sky so blue.  
He loved to listen to the turtle doves.  
They told him stories about God's love.

He often talked to Mother Earth,  
thanking her for giving birth.  
The sun, moon and stars above,  
sang him their songs about God's love.

He never thought he was superior.  
He saw no creature as inferior.  
Human, flowers, birds and  
trees; all belong to God's family.

We can pray for equality.  
We can strive for harmony.  
We can apply technology,  
but we are nothing without God's love.

—Julie Hanna

*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:** Scott Nelson, Toni Panico, Thomas Kompa, Bill Piro, Iris Cafran, Frank Kompa, John Luis Vasquez, Sophia Kyriakakis, Fred Frankel, Robert Haemer, George T. Stumper, Gregory Klein, Michael Arleo, Jim Richards, Nancy Foley, Thomas Maloney, Bill Mullan, Lorri Russo, Tyler & Nicholas Accardi, Nancy Fernandez Petrozza, Susan Leach, Stella Silva, Joy Realmuto, John Galvin, Michele Feudale, Linda Maloney, Lorraine Avitabile, Fran Pedone, Blanca Vasquez, Marion Kester, Elena Guigui, Bridget Early, Theresa Kasmark, Grandfather Vincent Ciurleo, Emma Zaradich, Joe Stewart, Constance Citrola, Elizabeth Zitzmann, Anne Grusell, Linda Frysztacki, Teresa Kay, Sidra Lewis, Billy Murphy, Ann Klein, Mary Boyle, Con Boyle, Jimmy Capuano, John Blenn, Carla Calabrese, George Knott, MaryAnn McEvoy, Gary P. Ribis, Rosalie Drenckhahn, James Kostolny, Anne Klein-Schuer, Eileen McChesney, Patricia Travis, Mike Pope & 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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