



## ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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July 2, 2017 - Thirteenth 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 - 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a

One day Elisha came to Shunem, where there was a woman of influence, who urged him to dine with her. Afterward, whenever he passed by, he used to stop there to dine. So she said to her husband, "I know that Elisha is a holy man of God. Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room on the roof and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp, so that when he comes to us he can stay there." Sometime later Elisha arrived and stayed in the room overnight.

Later Elisha asked, "Can something be done for her?" His servant Gehazi answered, "Yes! She has no son, and her husband is getting on in years." Elisha said, "Call her." When the woman had been called and stood at the door, Elisha promised, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-1

**R/ For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

The favors of the Lord I will sing forever; through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness. For you have said, "My kindness is established forever"; in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

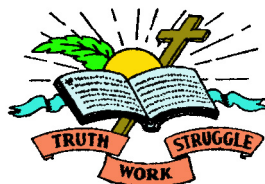
**R/ For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

Happy the people who know the joyful shout; in the light of your countenance, O Lord, they walk. At your name they rejoice all the day, and through your justice they are exalted.

**R/ For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

For you are the splendor of their strength, and by your favor our horn is exalted. For to the Lord belongs our shield, and to the Holy One of Israel, our king.

**R/ For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**



READING II - Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him. As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

Priest/Cantor: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Priest/Cantor: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; announce the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

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

GOSPEL - Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus said to his apostles: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple— amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Just As I Am"

COMMUNION HYMNS -

"I Myself Am the Bread of Life"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Center of My Liufe"

# St. Francis Weekly "Faith Renewed"

## BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY...Henri Nouwen TAKING UP OUR CROSSES

Jesus says, "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him... take up his cross and follow me" (Matthew 16:24). He does not say "Make a cross" or "Look for a cross." Each of us has a cross to carry. There is no need to make one or look for one. The cross we have is hard enough for us! But are we willing to take it up, to accept it as our cross?

Maybe we can't study, maybe we are handicapped, maybe we suffer from depression, maybe we experience conflict in our families, maybe we are victims of violence or abuse. We didn't choose any of it, but these things are our crosses. We can ignore them, reject them, refuse them, or hate them. But we can also take up these crosses and follow Jesus with them.

## ST. FRANCIS NOTES ...

**INDEPENDENCE DAY!!!** Celebrated on July 4th, the anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776! Fly your flag, God Bless America!

**GARDEN FLOWERS** are starting to bloom. We welcome your donation of any floral flower or bouquet to adorn any of our altars. We greatly appreciate the beauties of God's wonderful creation, enlightening both our souls and spirit! Please bring your gift before Mass, vases are provided. Thank you!

## HIS WORDS - COURAGE

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified: do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." –Joshua 1:9

## ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS ... Helen Steiner Rice HILLS OF PEACE

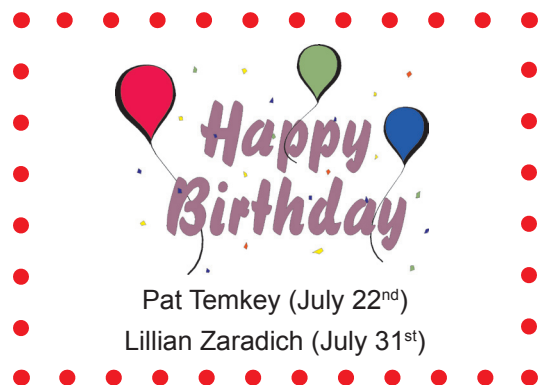
Another hill and sometimes a mountain, but just when you reach the peak - your weariness is lifted and you find the peace you seek.

"Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it." –Psalm 34:14

Today pray for peace - within you, your neighbor, your community, your world!

## BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY - Henri Nouwen A reflection of wisdom and faith... A COURAGEOUS LIFE

"Have courage," we often say to one another. Courage is a spiritual virtue. The word courage comes from the Latin word cor, which means "heart." A courageous word is an act coming from the heart. The heart, however, is not just the place our emotions are located. The heart is the center of our being, the center of all thoughts, feelings, passions, and decisions. A courageous life, therefore, is a life lived from the center. It is a deeply rooted life, the opposite of a superficial life. "Have courage" therefore means "Let your center speak."



*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:** 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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