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

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August 27, 2017- *Twenty-first 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.

8:30 AM - "*Hymn of Faith*"

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READING I - Isaiah 22:19-23

Thus says the LORD to Shebna, master of the palace: "I will thrust you from your office and pull you down from your station. On that day I will summon my servant Eliakim, son of Hilkiyah; I will clothe him with your robe, and gird him with your sash, and give over to him your authority. He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut when he shuts, no one shall open. I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot, to be a place of honor for his family."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM -

Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8

R/ Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth; in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple.

R/ Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I will give thanks to your name, because of your kindness and your truth: When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me.

R/ Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees, and the proud he knows from afar. Your kindness, O LORD, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands.

R/ Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

READING 2 -

Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor? Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid? For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL - Matthew 16:13-20

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ. This is the gospel of the Lord.

R/ Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN - "*Just As I Am*"

COMMUNION HYMN - "*I Am the Bread of Life*"

RECESSIONAL - "*Gather Your People*"

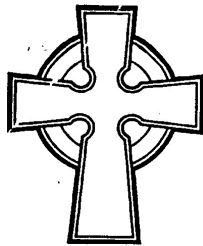
St. Francis Weekly "Faith Renewed"

ST. BERNARD, 1090-1153

"A great medieval celebrity"

His feast day is August 20th. St. Bernard was born at Fontaines, a castle near Dijon, France, in 1090. His was a wealthy and noble family and his father, Tescelin Sorrel, was a Burgundian noble. Bernard was well educated and sent to Chatillon on the Seine for a complete education among secular canons. His mother, whom he loved dearly, died when Bernard was a young man. Deeply touched by her death and with a growing love of God, Bernard entered the Cistercians at Citeaux in 1112. He was joined by thirty-one companions, including four of his brothers and an uncle. The abbot of Citeaux, St. Stephen, sent Bernard and twelve companions, to establish a new monastery in the diocese of Langres in Champagne. In time, Bernard was chosen as the abbot of the monastery of Clairvaux, from which sixty-eight new monasteries were founded throughout Europe by the time of his death. As a monk, Bernard worked tirelessly to strengthen religious life. His sermons and writings, describing the workings of God with the human soul, inspired the people of his time. They were the result of Bernard's own experience of God's grace in his life. The needs of the Church and his society continually called this eloquent saint from his monastery. Popes, bishops, and princes sought his advice in matters of policy and politics. He always sought to keep the Christian faith uncompromised. The hearts of men and women throughout Europe were stirred by the faith and eloquence of the dynamic saint. His great prayers to Mary, the Mother of God—for example, his "Memorare"—are witness to his strong devotion to her as well as her Son.

His prayer: Lord, what will you have me do? Here is the sign of a perfect spirit. Someone who leaves aside his or her own will so that they no longer seek or desire to do what they want, but only what God wills. Amen.



OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA, August 26

Saint Luke the Apostle painted this picture of Our Lady with the Child Jesus, on top of a cypress table, which was supposed to have been made by Joseph and Jesus in Nazareth.

The holy picture was taken to Constantinople in 326 by St. Helena, the mother of Constantine the Great, who built a church in honor of the Holy Name of Mary.

The picture remained there and was venerated for about 500 years. In the ninth century a Byzantine Emperor took this picture to Ruthenia. There it remained for another 500 years.

When the Ruthenians inter-married with the Poles and the Tartars invaded Poland, the then Duke of Opole, Ladislaus, fleeing to save the icon, brought it from Belz to Silesia. When the picture arrived at Czestochowa, on August 26, 1382, the horses refused to move. It was a sign from heaven that the Blessed Virgin wanted a church built there.

The Pauline Fathers came from Hungary to Poland to take care of the Holy Picture. The church was built on Jasna Gora ("The Bright Mountain"), by Ladislaus, the Duke of Opole. The Hussites damaged the picture in 1430, with a sword, leaving two scars on Mary's right cheek.

In 1655, the Blessed Virgin, performed a miracle on Jasna Gora. The monastery was attacked by the Swedish armies and the church was protected by the Blessed Virgin. "This repulsed the enemies. Following this miracle, King John Casimir V, proclaimed Mary Queen of Poland, at Lvov Cathedral. The Shrine of Czestochowa became the symbol of her sovereignty.

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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