



# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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August 6, 2017 - *Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord*

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 - Dn 7:9-10, 13-14

As I watched: Thrones were set up and the Ancient One took his throne. His clothing was bright as snow, and the hair on his head as white as wool; his throne was flames of fire, with wheels of burning fire. A surging stream of fire flowed out from where he sat; Thousands upon thousands were ministering to him, and myriads upon myriads attended him. The court was convened and the books were opened.

As the visions during the night continued, I saw: One like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven; When he reached the Ancient One and was presented before him, The one like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship; all peoples, nations, and languages serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM -

Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9

*R. The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.*  
The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice; let the many islands be glad. Clouds and darkness are round about him, justice and judgment are the foundation of his throne.

*R. The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.*  
The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the LORD of all the earth. The heavens proclaim his justice, and all peoples see his glory.

*R. The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.*  
Because you, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth, exalted far above all gods.

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## READING 2 - 2 Pt 1:16-19

Beloved: We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that unique declaration came to him

from the majestic glory, "This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain. Moreover, we possess the prophetic message that is altogether reliable. You will do well to be attentive to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

Alleluia.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## GOSPEL - Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.

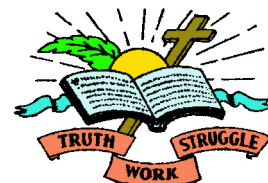
As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." This is the word of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - "*Holy Holy, Holy*"

COMMUNION HYMN - "*Shepherd Me, O God*"

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



## St. Francis Weekly "Faith Renewed"

### THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS, August 6

THE DIVINITY of Christ was made manifest to Sts. Peter, James and John when Jesus appeared before them on Mount Tabor and his face and clothing shone radiantly. His appearance before the apostles was a confirmation to them of his relation to the Church and his role as the Son of God. A feast in honor of the Transfiguration has been celebrated in the Christian churches of the East since the fifth century. In the Middle Ages, as interest grew in the Holy Land and various sites connected with the life of Jesus, this feast was established in the Western Roman Empire.



Lord Jesus Christ, through your transfiguration on the mount, strengthen our hearts lest they be broken by the scandal of the Cross. Enlightened by your grace, may we share in the brightness of your glory. Amen.

### BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY...Henri Nouwen THE DOOR OPEN TO ANYONE

Jesus is the door to a life in and with God. "I am the gate," he says (John 10:9). "I am the Way; I am Truth and Life. No one can come to the Father except through me," (John 14:6). Still, many people never have heard or will hear of Jesus. They are born, live their lives, and die without having been exposed to Jesus and his words. Are they lost? Is there no place in the Father's house for them?

Jesus opened the door to God's house for all people, also for those who never knew or will know that it was Jesus who opened it. The Spirit that Jesus sent "blows where it pleases" (John 3:8). and it can lead anyone through the door to God's house.

### WORDS WORTH NOTING...

"Laughter is not at all a bad beginning for a friendship, and it is far the best ending for one." I... Oscar Wilde

"You have a lifetime to work, but children are only young once." ... Polish Proverb

"Heaven is the place where the donkey at last catches up with the carrot." ... Anonymous

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

When I just keep quiet and think only thoughts of peace and if I abide in stillness, my restless murmurings cease.

"Be still, and know that I am God." –Psalm 46:10

Today accept yourself with loving-kindness. Be considerate of yourself. Take time to think quietly and peacefully and enjoy the serenity that emerges!