

# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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## May 19, 2019 - Fifth Sunday of Easter



Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus  
Chrystus.  
R/. Na wieki, wiekow Amen.  
Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.  
R/. Now and forever. Amen.  
9:00 AM - "Christ Is Risen"

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### READING I - Acts 14:21-27

After Paul and Barnabas had proclaimed the good news to that city and made a considerable number of disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch. They strengthened the spirits of the disciples and exhorted them to persevere in the faith, saying, "It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." They appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, commended them to the Lord in whom they had put their faith. Then they traveled through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. After proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia. From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now accomplished. And when they arrived, they called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13

*R. I will praise your name for ever,  
my king and my God.*

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. The LORD is good to all and compassionate toward all his works.

*R. I will praise your name for ever,  
my king and my God.*

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD, and let your faithful ones bless you. Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might.

*R. I will praise your name for ever,  
my king and my God.*

Let them make known your might to the children of Adam, and the glorious



splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is a kingdom for all ages, and your dominion endures through all generations.  
*R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.*

### READING II - Rev 21:1-5a

Then I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away."

The One who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

R./ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest/Lector: Verse. R./ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

### GOSPEL - John 13:31-33a, 34-35

When Judas had left them, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and God will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Come Unto Jesus"

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COMMUNION HYMN - "Lead Me, Lord"

RECESSIONAL HYMN -  
"Christ The Lord Is Risen Today"

*St. Francis Weekly “Faith Renewed”*

**BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY  
- HENRI NOUWEN**

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

When we live as missions, we become aware that there is a home from which we are sent and to which we have to return. We start thinking about ourselves as people who are in a faraway country to bring a message or work on a project, but only for a certain amount of time. When the message has been delivered and the project is finished, we want to return home to give an account of our mission and to rest from our labors. One of the most important spiritual disciples is to develop the knowledge that the years of our lives are years “on a mission.”

**PROCLAIM THE “GOOD NEWS”**

We are greatly encouraged by our *Diocese and* the need of our church, to become missionaries, to proclaim our faith and “Good News.” Mission work is the work of the entire parish, with the priest. Our goal is to bring back into our parish community the inactive members of the Parish as well as to reach out to those in our surrounding communities who may belong to no church, and invite them to become members of our Parish. Our church remains Christ centered, where love, forgiveness, and respect are the qualities of our parish community...Come, bring people to Christ, that they may receive His -most needed grace, redemption and ultimate salvation!

**HIS WORD - SEEKING GOD**

“But if from there you seek the Lord your God, you will find him if you look for him with all your heart and with all your soul.”

—Deuteronomy 4:29

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA - May 13**

On May 13, 1917, Our Lady came down from the quiet of heaven to Fatima, Portugal, during the awful days of the First World War. She appeared to, visited and played with three Portuguese children. Identifying herself as “our Lady of the Rosary,” she asked for the recitation of the rosary as a spiritual way to help end the war. She said, “I have come to exhort the faithful to change their life, to avoid grieving our Lord by sin; to pray the Rosary. I desire in this place a chapel in my honor. If people mend their ways, the war will soon be over.” The apparitions led pilgrimages which brought millions upon millions to the little Fatima hamlet. Of the three children who were privileged and graced with the visit of Our Blessed Mother Mary, only Lucia, who became a Sister, lived until 2004. Francisco and Jacinta, who died soon after, in 1919 and 1920. A Fatima prayer: Holy Mother, we thank you for coming to our world again at Fatima. We have listened to the Fatima message and we resolve to amend our lives, repent and continue to pray the rosary. We will do these things as followers of your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, who first called humankind to reform and to the belief in the Gospel way of life Amen.

*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:** Gregory Klein, Jim Richards, Nancy Foley, Thomas Maloney, Linda Frysztacki, Rich Majewski, Nancy Fernandez Petrozza, Susan Leach, Stella Silva, Michele Feudale, Linda Maloney, Lorraine Avitabile, Joan Paczkoski, Blanca Vasquez, Thomas Kompa, Bill Piro, Iris Cafran, Frank Kompa, John Luis Vasquez, Sophia Kyriakakis, Billy Murphy, Con Boyle, John Blenn, Carla Calabrese, MaryAnn McEvoy, Gary P. Ribis, Rosalie Drenckhahn, James Kostolni, Elena Guigui, Theresa Kasmark, Emma Zaradich, Constance Citrola, Elizabeth Zitzmann, Anne Grusell, Teresa Kay, Sidra Lewis, Peter Rapanaro, Sr., Toni Panico, Ann Klein-Siebuhr, Nina Dobrowolski, George Heyen, Eileen McChesney, Mickey Gagliano, Ottavia Daquino & for all those who care for the sick and disabled.

**Requiem Intentions:** Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

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