St. Francis Polish National Catholic Church

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

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Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord - June 2, 2019



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 - Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for "the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

When they had gathered together they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All you peoples, clap your hands, shout to God with cries of gladness, For the LORD, the Most High, the awesome, is the great king over all the earth.

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy; the LORD, amid trumpet blasts. Sing praise to God, sing praise; sing praise to our king, sing praise.

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

For king of all the earth is God; sing hymns of praise. God reigns over the nations, God sits upon his holy throne. *R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

READING II - Ephesians 1:17-23

Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might: which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

R./ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest/Lector: Go and teach all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, until the end of the world.

R./ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL - Gospel Luke 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God. This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Come onto Jesus"

OUR FATHER - Mass book page 95

COMMUNION HYMN -

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

RECESSIONAL HYMN -

"One Spirit, One Church"

St. Francis Weekly "Faith Renewed"

ASCENSION SUNDAYThe Celebration Continues!

Ascension Day (Thursday, the fortieth day after Easter Sunday) celebrates the return of the Lord Jesus to heaven. After showing himself to His followers on a number of occasions, Jesus called them to a mountain top, spoke to them briefly, and, as they watched, ascended into heaven. Ascension Sunday is the Sunday following Ascension Day.

"When Jesus had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy."

-Luke 24:50-52

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY...Henri Nouwen MAKING OUR DEATHS GIFTS

How do we make our deaths gifts for others? Very often people's lives are destroyed, harmed, or permanently wounded by the deaths of their relatives or friends. We have to do whatever we can to avoid this. When we are near death what we say to those who are close to us, whether in spoken or in written words, is very important. When we express gratitude to them, ask forgiveness for our shortcoming and offer forgiveness for theirs, and express our sincere desire that they continue their lives without remorse but remembering the graces of our lives, then our deaths can become true gifts.

NEXT WEEK at ST. FRANCIS

4 p.m., Sunday, June 9th First Holy Communion Mass

of Robert Koterba & Jafet Alvarez

(Please note: there will be NO 9 a.m. Mass on June 9th)

EARTH DAYS...

'I expand and live in the warm day like corn and melons.' —Ralph Waldo Emerson

'Study nature, love nature, stay close to nature. It will never fail you.' —Frank Lloyd Wright

'Outdoors is where the great mystery lies, so going into nature should be a searching and humbling experience, like going to church.' —Skip Whitcomb

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS...Helen Steiner Rice GOD'S GLORY

Little do we realize that the glory and the power of He who made the universe lies hidden in a flower.

'The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.' —Psalm 19:1

Today, when you look at a flower, see God's love and a message from Him!



Take a moment out and pray...

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, Jeff Curtis, Anita Paczkoski, Eddie Money, 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.