St. Francis Polish National Catholic Church

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

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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 8, 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 - Wis 9:13-18b

Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what the LORD intends? For the deliberations of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans. For the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns. And scarce do we guess the things on earth, and what is within our grasp we find with difficulty; but when things are in heaven, who can search them out? Or who ever knew your counsel, except you had given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 *R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.* You turn man back to dust, saying, "Return, O children of men." For a thousand years in your sight are as yes-

terday, now that it is past, or as a watch of the night. **R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

You make an end of them in their sleep; the next morning they are like the changing grass, Which at dawn springs up anew, but by evening wilts and fades.

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge. Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart. Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants!

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge. Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days. And may the gracious care of the LORD our God be ours; prosper the work of our hands for us! Prosper the work of our hands!

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

READING II - Phmn 9-10, 12-17

I, Paul, an old man, and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus, urge you on behalf of my child Onesimus, whose father I have become in my imprisonment; I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I should have liked to retain him for myself, so that he might serve me on your behalf in my imprisonment for the gospel, but I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that

the good you do might not be forced but voluntary. Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a brother, beloved especially to me, but even more so to you, as a man and in the Lord. So if you regard me as a partner, welcome him as you would me.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

R./ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest/Lector:Let your face shine upon your servant; and teach me your laws.

R./ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL - Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.' Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms. In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Blessed Assurance" COMMUNION HYMN - "One Bread, One Body" RECESSIONAL - "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman"



St. Francis Weekly "Faith Renewed"

THE BIRTH OF MARY, September 8

Along with the birth of Jesus and St. John the Baptist, Mary's birth has been celebrated by the Church from early times. In fourth century Jerusalem a feast of her birth was celebrated at the Church of St. Ann, probably inspiring the Church of Rome also to celebrate too, this event. Mary's birth is seen always as part of God's plan for the salvation of the world through Jesus Christ.

O Mary, you are blessed, for the mysteries of the prophets are fulfilled in you.

You were in the burning bush and in the cloud that Moses saw;

You were on the ladder rising up

to heaven that Ezechiel saw; You were in the ark of the covenant, that David saw.

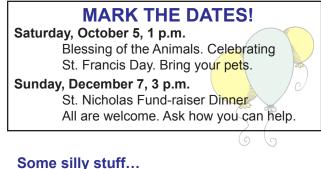
At your birth these mysteries are fulfilled. Glory be to the Father,

who sent his only Son through you. Adapted from an early Syrian text.

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY - Henri Nouwen A reflection of wisdom and faith... CHOOSING WORDS WISELY

Words are very important. When we say to someone, "You are an ugly, useless, despicable person," we might have ruined the possibility for a relationship with that person for life. Words can continue to do harm for many years. It is so important to choose our words wisely. When we are boiling with anger and eager to throw bitter words at our opponents, it is better to remain silent. Words spoken in rage will make reconciliation very hard. Choosing life and not death, blessings and not curses, often starts by choosing to remain silent or choosing carefully the words that open the way to healing.





shared by Debbie Scillia, today's birthday girl

I visited a monastery and as I walked past the kitchen, I saw a man frying chips.

I said, "Are you a friar?" He replied, "No, I'm the chip monk!"



"We'll both have the homework."

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: Beverly Hester, Gregory Klein, Tom Early, Jim Richards, Nancy Foley, Thomas Maloney, Linda Frysztacki, Rich Majewski, Nancy Fernandez Petrozza, Susan Leach, Stella Silva, Michele Feudale, Linda Maloney, Lorraine Avitabile, 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, Helen de la Sota, Joanne Ippolito, Jeff Curtis, 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.