

# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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*Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 20, 2019*



Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

9:30 AM - *"Hymn of Faith"*

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READING I - Ex 17:8-13

In those days, Amalek came and waged war against Israel. Moses, therefore, said to Joshua, "Pick out certain men, and tomorrow go out and engage Amalek in battle. I will be standing on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand." So Joshua did as Moses told him: he engaged Amalek in battle after Moses had climbed to the top of the hill with Aaron and Hur. As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight, but when he let his hands rest, Amalek had the better of the fight. Moses' hands, however, grew tired; so they put a rock in place for him to sit on. Meanwhile Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other, so that his hands remained steady till sunset. And Joshua mowed down Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

***R. Our help is from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.***

I lift up my eyes toward the mountains; whence shall help come to me? My help is from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

***R. Our help is from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.***

May he not suffer your foot to slip; may he slumber not who guards you: indeed he neither slumbers nor sleeps, the guardian of Israel.

***R. Our help is from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.***

The LORD is your guardian; the LORD is your shade; he is beside you at your right hand. The sun shall not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

***R. Our help is from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.***

The LORD will guard you from all evil; he will guard your life. The LORD will guard your coming and your going, both now and forever.

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READING II - 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Beloved: Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it, and that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingly power: proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

R./ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest/Lector: The word of God is living and effective, discerning reflections and thoughts of the heart

R./ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL - Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. He said, "There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being. And a widow in that town used to come to him and say, 'Render a just decision for me against my adversary.' For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, 'While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.'" The Lord said, "Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says. Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - *"Blessed Assurance"*

COMMUNION HYMN - *"Lead Me, Lord"*

RECESSIONAL HYMN - *"How Great Thou Art"*

*St. Francis Weekly "Faith Renewed"*

## ST. LUKE (First Century) October 18

Born of a pagan family, St. Luke became a convert to the Christian faith. He accompanied St. Paul on his second missionary journey and was with the apostle during his final imprisonment in Rome. Paul calls him “my dear friend Luke” in one of his epistles. Luke compiled the third Gospel. He describes at length the infancy of Jesus and emphasizes the Lord’s prayerfulness and his mercy. The great parable of the Prodigal Son is found in Luke. The evangelist writes sensitively of Jesus’ regard for women as well as his interest in the underprivileged and the outcasts of his society. In the Acts of the Apostles Luke relates the beginnings of the infant Church as it develops under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. He saw clearly the continuity of the Church from the time of Jesus to its later expansion into the Gentile world. In his writings the Church’s roots go back to the traditions of Israel and its future will touch all the nations of the earth. The Holy Spirit, descending at Pentecost, guides her with surprising wisdom and power, leading individuals and the Church herself to undertake new ventures despite human reluctance and fear. One tradition says Luke died at Boeotia in Greece at the age of eighty-four. He is patron of painters and physicians. In art he is represented by an ox because he begins his Gospel with the account of the priest Zachary sacrificing in the temple. His prayer: Lord Jesus, may we grow in faith through the words of your Gospel. Amen.

## PRAYER FOR THOSE LIVING ALONE

I live alone, dear Lord, stay by my side  
In all my daily needs, be Thou my guide.  
Grant me good health, for that I pray  
To carry on my work from day to day.  
Keep pure my thoughts, my every deed,  
Let me be kind and unselfish in my neighbor's needs.  
Spare me from fire, from floods, malicious tongues,  
From thieves, from fear, and evil ones.  
If sickness or an accident befall me,  
Then humbly, Lord, I pray, hear Thou my call.  
And when I am feeling low or in despair,  
Lift up my heart and help me in my prayer.  
I live alone, dear Lord, yet have no fear  
Because I feel Your presence ever near.

Franciscan Mission Associates

## MARK THE DATE!

**Sunday, December 7, 3 p.m.**

St. Nicholas Fund-raiser Dinner.

All are welcome. Ask how you can help.



## THOUGHTS ON TODAY'S READINGS...

The readings for the 29th, 30th and 31st Sundays, are Lukan passages that form a harmonious whole. Each in its own way builds to a crescendo, speaks of the justification that comes from faith granted to the one who does not rely on his merits but opens himself to the gratuitous mercy of God. Today's Gospel reading presents us with the interesting parable of the persistent widow and the unfair judge. It is especially significant in our Church today with its struggles and disillusionments. We must persist for justice, shepherd our people and stand firm.

*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:** Flo Conlon, Beverly Hester, Gregory Klein, Tom Early, Jim Richards, Nancy Foley, Thomas Maloney,

Doris Piedimonte, Nancy Fernandez Petrozza, Susan Leach, Stella Silva, Michele Feudale, Linda Maloney, Lorraine Avitabile,

Matt Pokalsky, Sophia Kyriakakis, Billy Murphy, Con Boyle, MaryAnn McEvoy, Rosalie Drenckhahn, James Kostolni,

Elena Guigui, Theresa Kasmak, Constance Citrola, Elizabeth Zitzmann, Anne Grusell, Teresa Kay, Sidra Lewis, Peter Rapanaro, Sr.,

Toni Panico, Nina Dobrowolski, George Heyen, Helen de la Sota, Joanne Ippolito, Jeff Curtis, Ottavia Daquino, Linda Frysztacki,

Ann Klein-Siebuhr, Blanca Vasquez, Thomas Kompa, Bill Piro, Iris Cafran, Frank Kompa, John Luis Vasquez, Eileen McChesney,

Mickey Gagliano, John Blenn, Carla Calabrese, Gary P. Ribis, Emma Zaradich, & 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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