## ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 27, 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 - Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

The LORD is a God of justice, who knows no favorites. Though not unduly partial toward the weak, yet he hears the cry of the oppressed. The Lord is not deaf to the wail of the orphan, nor to the widow when she pours out her complaint. The one who serves God willingly is heard; his petition reaches the heavens. The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest till it reaches its goal, nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds, judges justly and affirms the right, and the Lord will not delay.

# RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 *R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.*

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the LORD; the lowly will hear me and be glad. **R** The Lord hears the cry of the poor

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The LORD confronts the evildoers, to destroy remembrance of them from the earth. When the just cry out, the Lord hears them, and from all their distress he rescues them.

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The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves. The LORD redeems the lives of his servants; no one incurs guilt who takes refuge in him. *R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.* 

## READING II - 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Beloved: I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance.

At my first defense no one appeared on my behalf, but everyone deserted me. May it not be

held against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the proclamation might be completed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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Priest/Lector: God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, and entrusting to us the message of salvation. R./ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

## GOSPEL - Luke 18:9-14

Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else. "Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity-greedy, dishonest, adulterous-or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.' But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former: for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - "One Spirit, One Church" COMMUNION HYMN - "Bread of Life" RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Shepherd Me, O God"



## St. Francis Weekly "Faith Renewed"

### 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 Kasmark, 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.

### NOTES ON TODAY'S READINGS...

**1st Reading:** When Moses raised his arms to God in prayer, the battle went well. So Aaron and Hur supported his arms, lest the attackers defeat Israel. When they got tired, they used a rock to keep his arms up. By sunset, Israel won the fight.

**2nd Reading:** Paul urged Timothy to remain faithful to scared Scripture because God inspired it. God's inspired word, the source of wisdom in Christ,helps people learn goodness and holiness.

**Gospel:** Jesus taught a lesson about the power of persistent prayer by telling the story of a persistent widow who wore down a corrupt judge by continually demanding her rights. The judge issued a settlement in her favor, lest she do him in.

Today we heard the story of the Pharisee and the tax collector. Attitudes we must have to become holy in the word today include perseverance, patience, meekness; joy and a sense of humor; being part of a community; and praying constantly. Faithfulness and persistence strike home during the next three weeks of readings.

#### BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY - Henri Nouwen A refection of wisdom and faith... THE CHURCH SPOTLESS AND TAINTED

The Church is holy and sinful, spotless and tainted. The Church is the bride of Christ, who washed her in cleansing water and took her to himself "with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless" (Ephesians 5:26-27). The-Church too is a group of sinful, confused, anguished people constantly tempted by the powers of lust and greed and always entangled in rivalry and competition. When we say that the Church is a body made Christ-like through baptism and Eucharist but also to the broken bodies of all the people who are its members. Only when we keep both these ways of thinking and speaking together can we live in the Church as true followers of Jesus.

#### **HIS WORDS - FAITH**

"...so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge - that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." —Ephesians 3:17-19

### ST. SIMON AND ST. JUDE (First Century) October 28

Little is known of Saints Simon and Jude except that they were chosen by Jesus as apostles and appear well down on the list of twelve. They do not figure prominently in the Gospel stories, as do some other apostles. After Jesus' Ascension there is no reliable account of what happened to them. Stories of their founding the Church in Svria and Egypt are groundless. Unlike Sts. Peter and Paul, whose words and deeds are widely reported in Scripture and whose achievements dramatically affected the society of their day, Simon and Jude appear to have done little in their lives that was notable. Yet the Church celebrates them among her founders, seeing their preaching revealing God to us and their prayers aiding her growth. The apostles were not all of one mold. Some like Peter and Paul, were active public figures immersed in the controversy and changing movements of their time. Others, perhaps like Simon and Jude, may have taken a guieter path. Yet their voices too have been heard through all the earth. Not only brilliant, active, and achieving apostles communicate the faith. Some, also apostles, may pass on this treasure in simpler, unnoticed ways, ordinary sowers,

they cast the seed of faith undramatically on a world waiting for harvest. Their prayer: Lord, may we follow and serve you. Amen