



# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*"Lord, make me a instrument of your peace." —St. Francis*

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*April 26, 2020 ~ Third Sunday of Easter*

2NIECH 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"

Mass Book page 63.

**READING I** - Acts 2:14, 22-33

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: "You who are Jews, indeed all of you staying in Jerusalem. Let this be known to you, and listen to my words. You who are Israelites, hear these words. Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God with mighty deeds, wonders, and signs, which God worked through him in your midst, as you yourselves know. This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God, you killed, using lawless men to crucify him. But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death, because it was impossible for him to be held by it. For David says of him: I saw the Lord ever before me, with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed. Therefore my heart has been glad and my tongue has exulted; my flesh, too, will dwell in hope, because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your holy one to see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.

"My brothers, one can confidently say to you about the patriarch David that he died and was buried, and his tomb is in our midst to this day. But since he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants upon his throne, he foresaw and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was he abandoned to the netherworld nor did his flesh see corruption. God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses. Exalted at the right hand of God, he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father and poured him forth, as you see and hear."

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** - Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

*R/ Lord, you will show us the path of life.*

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge; I say to the LORD, "My Lord are you." O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup, you it is who hold fast my lot.

*R/ Lord, you will show us the path of life.*

I bless the LORD who counsels me; even in the night my heart exhorts me. I set the LORD ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

*R/ Lord, you will show us the path of life.*

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices, my body, too, abides in confidence; because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.

*R/ Lord, you will show us the path of life.*

You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever.

*R/ Lord, you will show us the path of life.*

**READING 2** - 1 Peter 1:17-21

Beloved: If you invoke as Father him who judges impartially according to each one's works, conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed

from your futile conduct, handed on by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb.

He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in the final time for you, who through him believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Priest/Lector: Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn while you speak to us.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**GOSPEL** - Luke 24:13-35

That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread. This is the word of the Lord. **R/ Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

OFFERTORY HYMN - "O, Lord I Am Not Worthy"

COMMUNION HYMN - "Come Ye Faithful"

RECESSIONAL - "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

# St. Francis Weekly "Faith Renewed"

## CELEBRATE EASTER - 2020!

### ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS - Helen Steiner Rice SPRING BEAUTY

Apple blossoms bursting wide now beautify the tree and make a springtime picture that is beautiful to see.

"O Lord my God, you are very great...the earth is satisfied by the fruit of his work." —Psalm 104:1, 13

Today enumerate the various hues and color gradations in the springtime scene that you observe and marvel at the originality and creativity in God's works!

### PATIENCE AND SPIRIT OF GOD (ST. FRANCIS)

Preserved as a precious collection of advice from the Franciscans' Holy Father Francis, his "Words of Admonition" give us a true sense of the gentle friar's down to earth wisdom, even after seven centuries.

Two of those "Admonitions" are particularly valuable for people dealing with two major obstacles to living a truly Christian life.

One - the temptation to get mired down in a kind of spiritual frustration. Because we do not experience a quick sense of "spiritual accomplishment." For example: I say the Rosary every day, and try to meditate on the mysteries, but I find my mind wandering just as it always has; On things of the world, the laundry, how to manage all the chauffeuring jobs for children and family, being good at my job in the office, getting along better with family and friends, etc. I make the time to go to daily Mass as often as I can. Why don't I "feel" more holy?

The other obstacle may be the mirror image of the first; Being quick to take credit for what we seem to have accomplished. I'm a regular at daily Mass now, retired, I can take in the Gospels, prepare for the readings, arrive on time. How I can't stand those people who come in late ...or bring infants with them who make noise and interfere with my sense of contemplation. I subscribe to my diocesan paper and one good "Catholic" magazine. No one truly understands the Church the way I do.

This attitude seems to say that we can grow closer to God, while bypassing the presence of God living in others. We forget that we need to be open to and invite God's grace to help us see and act on God's will.

Here are two pearls of wisdom from the Little Poor Man of Assisi. In each, St. Francis addresses common problems in the spiritual life with incisive commentary, and common sense. 1) We should not give way to pride when God accomplishes some good through us. We need to recognize that any good is due to God, to His grace, and not to us or our efforts. 2) If we want to measure how patient or humble we are, don't select a tranquil time to take the measurement. We can't pick a time. "When those who should cooperate with you do the exact opposite, then we can tell (the measurement of your progress). A man has as much patience and humility as he has then, and no more," says the Saint. Using those two criteria, how do we stack up on that score board?

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As you get older, you'll realize that a \$300 watch and a \$20 watch both tell the same time.

A Michael Kors wallet and a Forever 21 wallet hold the same amount of money.

A \$900,000 house and a \$300,000 house host the same loneliness.

A Honda will also drive you as far as a BMW.

True happiness is not found in materialistic things.

It comes from the love and laughter found with each other. Stay humble...the holes dug for us in the ground are all the same size.

(2020, SHARED BY JONI BLENN'S BROTHER,  
THOMAS CAPUANO)

During these times PLEASE

*Take a moment out and pray...*

† † † † † † PRAYERS † † † † † † †

**For the Health & Safety of Our First Responders during the Pandemic:** Lord God, Jesus, our Savior, Mary and all the Saints, please watch over and keep safe those who respond first to our needs, doctors, nurses, EMTs, orderlies and LPNs, as well as those who risk their lives every day to serve us, firemen & women cashiers, truck drivers, delivery personnel, government officials,

fast food and restaurant employees, etc. We ask especially for our own at St. Francis Parish,

Kelter Darbouzee & Lillian Zaradich, RNs; Lillyan Tobon's neice, Jessica Arrubla, NYPD;

Linda Fryszacki's daughter-in-law, Karlye Frysztaski and her sisters, RNs.

**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:** All who have the Coronavirus & Debbie Marciano, Beverly Hester, Gregory Klein, Tom Early, Jim Richards, Nancy Fernandez Petrozza, Sophia Kyriakakis, Billy Murphy, Toni Panico, Helen de la Sota, Jeff Curtis, Ottavia Daquino, Linda Fryszacki, Daniella Vasquez, Ann Klein-Siebuhr, Blanca Vasquez, Iris Cafran, John Luis Vasquez, Eileen McChesney, Joe Glovack, Carla Calabrese, Janis Siebuhr, Debbie Granaldi & for all those who care for the sick and disabled.

**Requiem Intentions, especially for those who have passed from the coronavirus:**

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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