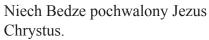
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July 12, 2020 -Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



R/. Na wieki, wiekow. Amen. Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ. R/. Now and forever. Amen.

8:30 AM - "Hymn of Faith" Mass Book page 63.

READING I - Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the LORD: Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM -

Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14

R/ The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You have visited the land and watered it; greatly have you enriched it. God's watercourses are filled; you have prepared the grain.

R/ The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Thus have you prepared the land: drenching its furrows, breaking up its clods, Softening it with showers, blessing its yield.

R/ The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with a rich harvest; The untilled meadows overflow with it, and rejoicing clothes the hills.

R/The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

The fields are garmented with flocks and the valleys blanketed with grain. They shout and sing for joy.

R/The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

READING 2 - Romans 8:18-23

Brothers and sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

Priest/Cantor: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R/Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Priest/Cantor: The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower. All who come to him will have life forever.

R./ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL - Matthew 13:1-9 (short version)

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R/Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Just As I Am"

COMMUNION HYMN - "Bread of Life"

RECESSIONAL - "Prayer of St. Francis"

St. Francis Weekly "Faith Renewed"

Little Francis Love Notes

By Julie Hanna

Note 1

To be more loving, takes practice. I need to practice, practice, practice. Everyday!

Note 2

I can't do everything. But everything I do, I can do with love.

Note 3

Hurtful things wrinkle my heart—forgiveness puts it back into shape.

Note 4

Sometimes we need a change of heart!

Note 5

God gave me knees for a good reason—
to get close to the earth!

Note 6

Sometimes it helps to talk to somebody who's 'down-to-earth.'

Note 7

It's best to try and look at others from the inside out.

Note 5

God makes everyone's heart the same color.

LITTLE FRANCIS

He was born to nobility.

He gave it up for simplicity.

He'd answer to the voice of greed,

"God's love is all I'll ever need."

He didn't use philosphy, He hadn't heard of ecology. He didn't preach theology. He simply lived God's love.

He listened to the mountains; the valleys too.
Then listened to the water and the sky so blue.
He loved to listen to the turtle doves.
They told him stories about God's love.

He often talked to Mother Earth, thanking her for giving birth. The sun, moon and stars above, sang him their songs about God's love.

He never thought he was superior. He saw no creature as inferior. Human, flowers, birds and trees; all belong to God's family.

We can pray for equality.
We can strive for harmony.
We can apply technology,
but we are nothing without God's love.

—Julie Hanna



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, Sandras Darbouze & Lillian Zaradich, RNs; Lillyan Tobon's neice, Jessica Arrubla, NYPD; Linda Frysztacki'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, Jim Richards, Nancy Fernandez Petrozza, Sophia Kyriakakis, Billy Murphy, Toni Panico, Helen de la Sota, Jeff Curtis, Ottavia Daquino, Linda Frysztacki, Daniella Vasquez, Ann Klein-Siebuhr, Blanca Vasquez, Iris Cafran, John Luis Vasquez, Eileen McChesney, Josephine Rapanaro, 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.

