

ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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September 6, 2020 - *Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*



Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow. Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

1:00 PM - "*Hymn of Faith*"

Mass Book page 63.

READING I - Ez 33:7-9

Thus says the LORD: You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me. If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die," and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works."

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.



READING 2 - Romans 13:8-10

Brothers and sisters:

Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law. Alleluia

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Priest/Lector: God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL - Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." This is the gospel of the Lord.

R/ Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN - "*Just As I Am*"

COMMUNION HYMN - "*Gather Your People*"

RECESSIONAL - "*One Spirit, One Church*"

St. Francis Weekly "Faith Renewed"

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY - Henri Nouwen

THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN

The spiritual knowledge that we belong to God and are safe with God even as we live in a very destructive world allows us to see in the midst of all the turmoil, fear, and agony of history "the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory" (Luke 21:27). Even though Jesus speaks about this as about a final event, it is not just one more thing that is going to happen after all the terrible things are over. Just as the end-time is already here, so too is the coming of the Son of Man. It is an event in the realm of the Spirit and thus not subject to the boundaries of time.

Those who live in communion with Jesus have the eyes to see and the ears to hear the second coming of Jesus among them in the here and now. Jesus says, "Before this generation has passed away all will have taken place" (Luke 21:32). And this is true for each faithful generation.

JUST A THOUGHT... COURAGE

"YOU SHALL BE FREE indeed when your days are not without a care nor your nights without a want and a grief. But rather when these things girdle your life and yet you rise above them naked and unbound." - Kahlil Gibran

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS - Helen Steiner Rice LOVE'S WAYS

Love works in ways that are wonderous and strange. There's nothing in life that love cannot change.

"A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." —Proverbs 15:1

Today be an example of agape love. Be patient, kind, forgiving, and humble!

ALL HIS ROADS LEAD HOME!

Whatever you are going through
Of pain or circumstance,
It is not there because of luck—
It is not there by chance.
God has a special plan for you
That's known to Him alone:
So trust that He is leading right—
For all His roads lead Home!
He's promised He will never give
A thing too much for us,
But make escape in every trial—
So in His mercy trust.
Sometimes the way is smooth and fine,
Sometimes all rock and stone—
But, whatever way He leads,
All His ways lead Home!
He uses pain, He uses others,
To bring deep needed change,
No circumstance He gives to us
Is in our life in vain!
Oh, child of His, don't be concerned
The path ahead's unknown—
For with the Savior as your guide,
All the roads lead Home!

Lynn Fenimore Nuzzi



Debbie Scillia (Sept. 8th)
Carolyn McNeil (Sept. 18th)

Take a moment out and pray...

† † † † † † PRAYERS † † † † † † †

Health Needs: Lord God, Jesus, our Savior, Mary and all the Saints, 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, Richard Majewski, Nancy Fernandez Petrozza, Sophia Kyriakakis, Billy Murphy, Helen de la Sota, Jeff Curtis, Ottavia Daquino, Linda Frysztacki, Daniella Vasquez, Ann Klein-Siebuhr, Blanca Vasquez, Iris Cafran, John Luis Vasquez, Eileen McChesney, Jay Lasker, Joe Glovack, Carla Calabrese, Janis Siebuhr, Debbie Granaldi, Anna Klimasz
& for all those who care for the sick and disabled.

Requiem Intentions for faithfully departed:

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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