



ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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Passion Sunday March 21, 2021

Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN - "Hymn of Faith"

CONTEMPORARY RITE - Mass Book pg. 63

NO GLORIA DURING LENT

READING I - Jer 31:31-34

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant, and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the LORD. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me. I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners shall return to you.

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

READING II - Hebrews 5:7-9

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, there also will my servant be.

GOSPEL - St. John, see separate sheet

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

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Blessed Assurance"

COMMUNION HYMNS - "Celtic Alleluia"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Blest Are We"

UPCOMING EVENT DATES

Sunday, March 28st - 9 am

Palm Sunday Mass & Distribution of Palms

Thursday, April 1st - 7 pm

Holy Thursday Mass

Friday, April 2nd - 7 pm

Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday, April 3rd - 1 pm

Blessing of the Easter Baskets & Foods

Sunday, April 4th - 9 am

Easter Sunday Mass

St. Francis Weekly "Faith Renewed"

A LITTLE BEHIND THE PNCC

Bishop Francis Hodur was called by God and his people to organize our PNCC. This began on the second Sunday of March in 1897. Bishop Hodur said: "Our Church cannot be a blind, soulless copy of any Christian Church. It must reach to the source of religious life, Christ the Lord. If we do not have Jesus' principles more adapted to life and effectively active, we do not have the right to life. Therefore, to work!"

Almighty and merciful God, You called a humble priest, Father Francis Hodur, to be Your servant and to awaken Your people for work in Your vineyard. Grant that, as we remember Your call to us this month, our faith may be made firm and our hearts may be enkindled by the fire of sacrificial love."

Find two ways in which you can make Christ's principles and teachings more effective and evident in your life as we remember our First Bishop and how he followed and served Jesus.

EASTER FLOWERS - NATURE'S CELEBRATIONS

There are many beautiful Easter legends about the flowers which bloom in the spring. As people looked at these flowers and thought about Easter, they made up stories to explain how the blossoms related to 'the death of Jesus. Two of these legends are about the lily and the dogwood.

Known as the "white-robed apostles of hope," Easter lilies are the most celebrated of all the holiday flowers. The beautiful white lilies were found growing in the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed on the night before His crucifixion. Legend has it that they sprang up where drops of sweat fell from Jesus' brow as he agonized over what lay ahead of Him. The lily blossom appears to be down-turned in sorrow. But

best of all is the beautiful perfume, an aroma that is acceptable to God as a reminder of Jesus' sacrifice for us.

Legend has it that wood from the Dogwood tree was used to make the cross on which Christ was crucified. The truth of this is not known. But the tree does display four beautiful white petals on each blossom. Each petal bears a dark red stain along the outer edge, and at the center of each bloom is what appears to be a tiny crown of thorns. Nature celebrates God's great gift every spring with such shows!

Happy the Nation whos God is the Lord, the people chosen as His very own. From Heaven the Lord looks down and observes the whole human race...

~Psalm 33:12-13

A man goes into a Department Store and asks the clerk, "Do you have Color TV's?"

The clerk answers, "Yes."

The man then replies, "Ok, I will take a RED ONE."

~silly but sweet from Linda Frysztacki

PRESS THROUGH

When clouds of doubt enfold you,
Things look dark and dim,
You see no shining rainbow,
Only emptiness within.

God knows all your heartache,
He's right there at your side,
With loving arms He holds you—
His love can't be denied.

Trials come to all His children,
There's work for you to do;
The sun will shine tomorrow,
Dear child of God, press through.

~ Mary Ann Jameson

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, Bill & Ann Siebuhr, Blanca Vasquez, Iris Cafran, John Luis Vasquez, Eileen McChesney, Dennis Erb, Rosemary Rosen, Jay Lasker, Joe Glovack, Carla Calabrese, Janis Siebuhr, Debbie Granaldi, Joan Paczkoski, Dominick Ocello, Louise & Anthony Kuzniewski, Jorge Juan Vasquez, Jessica Arrubla, Elaine Bode, Nicholas Navarino, Rudy Haase, Emily Smith, Carol Renta & 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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