



## ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Make me a channel of your peace" —St. Francis

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Niech Bedze pochwalony  
Jezus  
Chrystus.  
R/. Na wieki, wiekow Amen.  
Praised be the Lord, Jesus  
Christ.  
R/. Now and forever. Amen.

ments. Those who say, "I know him," but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia (3x). R:/ Alleluia (3x)

Verse: Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn while you speak to us. R:/ Alleluia (3x)

GOSPEL - Luke 24:35-48

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things." This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Blessed Assurances"

COMMUNION HYMN - "Christ Be Our Light"

RECESSIONAL HYMN -

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"



*Today's Mass Intentions:*  
Happy 3rd Birthday, Rocco Capuano  
Health & Peace to all the Capuanos  
offered by Joni & John Blenn

9:00 AM - "Christ Is Risen"

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READING I - Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter said to the people: "The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied in Pilate's presence when he had decided to release him. You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

**R. Lord, let your face shine on us.**

When I call, answer me, O my just God, you who relieve me when I am in distress; have pity on me, and hear my prayer!

**R. Lord, let your face shine on us.**

Know that the LORD does wonders for his faithful one; the LORD will hear me when I call upon him.

**R. Lord, let your face shine on us.**

O LORD, let the light of your countenance shine upon us! You put gladness into my heart.

**R. Lord, let your face shine on us.**

As soon as I lie down, I fall peacefully asleep, for you alone, O LORD, bring security to my dwelling.

**R. Lord, let your face shine on us.**

READING II - 1 John 2:1-5a

My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his command-

# St. Francis Weekly "Faith Renewed"

## GOD IS IN THE SMALL STUFF! ...

We easily find God in nature: the majesty of a rainbow after the thunderstorm; the incredible intricacy of a colony of ants; the still, quiet of a moonlit night; or the deafening roar of the mighty Niagara Falls. God is there, and we marvel at His handiwork.

We quickly identify God's involvement in the big celebrations of our lives: the birth of a child; the new job that remedies a financial crisis; or the car crash that left the vehicle totaled but our children unscathed. God is there, and we thank Him for His provision.

And we even acknowledge God's presence in the midst of tragedy; the report from the pathology lab; the severance notice; or the heartache in a home filled with broken relationships. God is there, and we depend upon Him for strength.

But seeing God in these "big things" of life is easy. The more difficult task -yet a challenge just as rewarding - is seeing God in our everyday, mundane activities. We need to have a "God consciousness" about our daily routine. We need a "divine perspective" about

the details of life. We mustn't overlook God in the small stuff. I

When we realize that God is in the ordinary, our daily grind suddenly has meaning and purpose. The household chores, whether the lawn or the laundry, become an opportunity to express love and care for other members of the household. A walk to the mailbox brings a chance to greet the neighbor (who may be in desperate need of an encouraging word). The day at work presents the challenge of giving wholehearted effort which will be pleasing to God.

Before He created the universe ages ago, God knew all about us. We should not be surprised that He has ordered our days and is interactively involved in the events of our daily routine. Nothing escapes His notice. Nothing is too insignificant for His care. If we are involved with anything, so is He.

Live your life with an overwhelming sense that God is present in the details all around you. There will be no boring moments. Life will take on a new meaning when you begin to see God in the small stuff.

*Love is the only flower that grows and blossoms without the aid of the Seasons —Kahlil Gibran*

*Where there is great Love, there are always miracles —Willa Cather*

*What lies before us and what lies beyond us is tiny compared to what lies within us —Oliver Wendell Holmes*

*Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness —Mother Teresa*

## EASTERTIDE BLESSINGS

*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, 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, 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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