



# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Make me a channel of your peace." —St. Francis  
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*Sunday, June 13, 2018*

*Eleventh 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.

9:00 AM - "*Hymn of Faith*"

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READING I - Ez 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord GOD: I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar, from its topmost branches tear off a tender shoot, and plant it on a high and lofty mountain; on the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it.

It shall put forth branches and bear fruit, and become a majestic cedar. Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it, every winged thing in the shade of its boughs. And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom.

As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

**R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praise to your name, Most High,  
To proclaim your kindness at dawn  
and your faithfulness throughout the night.

**R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

The just one shall flourish like the palm tree,  
like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow.

They that are planted in the house of the LORD  
shall flourish in the courts of our God.

**R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

They shall bear fruit even in old age;  
vigorous and sturdy shall they be,  
Declaring how just is the LORD,  
my rock, in whom there is no wrong.

**R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

READING 2 - 2 Cor 5:6-10

Brothers and sisters: We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

**R:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

**R:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL - Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds: "This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come."

He said, "To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private. This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - "*Blessed Assurance*"

COMMUNION HYMNS - "*Bread of Life*"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "*Best Are We*"

# St. Francis Weekly "Faith Renewed"

## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Ever so innocently, we've let our English language distort the meaning of the word church. Sometimes, that word means a place (as in "I left my Bible at church"). Other times, it refers to an activity (as in "What time does church start?"). Often church is used to describe an institution (as in "His behavior was frowned upon by the church"). While such definitions are appropriate, they miss the meaning of what church is all about.

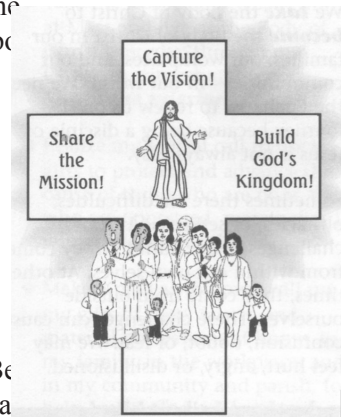
The essence of church is your Christian family - those people around the world who follow Christ and commit themselves to Him and to each other. When the apostle Paul wrote about the church, he wasn't talking about a building, an activity, or an institution. For Paul, the expression of church meant a personal relationship among Christians. He most often compared the church to a human body.

In a body, all the parts and details are important, and they function in harmony: \*If one member of the body is injured or sick, then the entire body suffers. \*The members must operate in unison, because if they try to go in opposite directions, they won't get anywhere. \*Some members are more visible, while others play a vital role on the inside. But both types are necessary. There are no small parts in the body of Christ. \*If every member were the same, the body would look really weird, and it wouldn't func-

tion very well. (Just imagine a five-foot, eight-inch ear. Oh sure, you would have excellent hearing, but try driving a car that way.)

The next time you go to church, don't look at the building or think about the schedule of events. Instead, look at the people. Appreciate them for who they are, what they need, and what they contribute to the "body". Then think about yourself. What is your role in the church? How do you fit in the body? Are you making a contribution to the over-all health and fitness of the body?

Being part of the church means a lot more than just attending a service on Sunday morning, tossing a few coins in the basket, and shaking the pastor's hand on the way out. Being part of the church involves an interactive relationship between people with Christ as their common bond with that definition, you Can't "walk out of the church" on Sunday morning. You are part of the body all week long!



## SPRING BLOOMS

Do you have a flower from your garden or a floral bouquet you would like to offer to adorn our main altar or side altars? We warmly welcome your garden gifts. Please bring your gift before Mass. Vases are provided. God's Blessings!

## FEAST OF THE MOST SACRED HEART, June 19

This feast is honored and celebrated by the Church through the month of June. The Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, was established in order to stimulate the faithful to honor with devotion and zeal, Christ, which induced Him not only to suffer and die for the redemption of mankind, but also to institute the sacrament of His body and blood in commemoration of His death.

*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, Elena Accomando Capuano, Emily Smith, Anita Paczkoski & 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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