

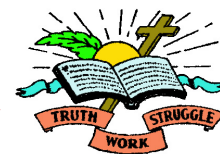


ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday, July 4, 2021 - Independence Day

Fourteenth 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.

8:00 AM - "Hymn of Faith"

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READING I - Ez 2:2-5

As the LORD spoke to me, the spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me: Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have revolted against me to this very day. Hard of face and obstinate of heart are they to whom I am sending you. But you shall say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD! And whether they heed or resist--for they are a rebellious house--they shall know that a prophet has been among them.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4

R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

To you I lift up my eyes who are enthroned in heaven --
As the eyes of servants are on the hands of their masters.

R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

As the eyes of a maid are on the hands of her mistress,
So are our eyes on the LORD, our God, till he have pity on us.

R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Have pity on us, O LORD, have pity on us, for we are more than sated with contempt; our souls are more than sated with the mockery of the arrogant, with the contempt of the proud.

R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

READING 2 - 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Brothers and sisters: That I, Paul, might not become too elated, because of the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan, to beat me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me. Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest/Lector: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL - Mark 6:1-6

Jesus departed from there and came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples. When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands! Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith. This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Blessed Assurance"

COMMUNION HYMNS - "Prayer of St. Francis"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "America, the Beautiful"



St. Francis Weekly "Faith Renewed"

THE VIGIL LIGHT

The offering of a burning candle before our altars and shrines is an act of prayer to God, our blessed Mother, or the saints. Because it signifies our watchfulness, we call it a vigil light. We call it a votive light because we pray by means of this shining, silent intercessor. The Church employs candles widely in divine worship. She blesses them on Candlemas day, uses them freely in her liturgy and in administering the Sacraments. Our Bible is full of examples of the religious use of fire and flame by God's people. In describing Himself, Christ said, "I am the light of the world." We light a candle to show honor to God. It is a mark of our dedication, of our confidence in His presence and promises. It is a sign of our own fidelity. Through our vigil light we give outward, visible evidence of our spiritual desires just as we do when we fast, sacrifice our own will, and give alms to the poor. Thus, as we go to our daily tasks, the candle's flame continues to express our worship, praise and petition. Christ assures us that not even a cup of cold water given in His name will go without reward. Hence, we are confident that He will be pleased with our prayerful offering of a vigil light!

JULY-ST. PAUL: EARLY LIFE & TRANSFORMATION

St. Paul readily admits that he has "a past." But we all do, don't we? With him, though, we are called by Jesus to turn our backs to our sinfulness and our faces toward Him that we might live in holiness and righteousness and, in doing, so, lead others to Him as well. This will not always be easy for us, just as it was often a struggle for the Apostle. Yet, the love of Jesus compels us to keep trying, each week this month, make some personal or family sacrifice (e.g., fasting from a meal, abstaining from a favorite food or recreational activity, etc.) that those who have not yet come to know Jesus as their Lord may come to see and embrace the salvation and peace that He alone offers.

A PRAYER for OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY IN THIS TIME

Loving God, we pray for each other and our faith community, Deliver us from simply desiring to go "back to normal," and give us grace instead to be open to the opportunities that your Spirit brings in this time.

Grant that we may come out of this pandemic crisis with open eyes, more fully available to the needs of those most vulnerable and those whose labor we have always depended on. Give us creative hearts to embrace and carry forward the new ways we have found to connect with one another; and in your good time, bring us safely back together again as a people renewed in the knowledge of your faithfulness and abiding love, and strengthened for the word ahead. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen!

INDEPENDENCE DAY!

Celebrated on July 4th, today, the anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. Celebrate America! Fly your American flag!! Pray for our nation! God Bless America!



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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