



# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*Sunday, October 31, 2021*  
*Thirty-First 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 - Dt 6:2-6

Moses spoke to the people, saying: "Fear the LORD, your God, and keep, throughout the days of your lives, all his statutes and commandments which I enjoin on you, and thus have long life. Hear then, Israel, and be careful to observe them, that you may grow and prosper the more, in keeping with the promise of the LORD, the God of your fathers, to give you a land flowing with milk and honey.

"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.

Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

**R. I love you, Lord, my strength.**

I love you, O LORD, my strength.

O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.

**R. I love you, Lord, my strength.**

My God, my rock of refuge,

my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold!

Praised be the LORD, I exclaim,

and I am safe from my enemies.

**R. I love you, Lord, my strength.**

The LORD lives! And blessed be my rock!

Extolled be God my savior.

You who gave great victories to your king

and showed kindness to your anointed.

**R. I love you, Lord, my strength.**

READING 2 - Hebrews 7:23-28

Brothers and sisters: The levitical priests were many because they were prevented by death from remaining in office, but Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore, he is

always able to save those who approach God through him, since he lives forever to make intercession for them. It was fitting that we should have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, higher than the heavens. He has no need, as did the high priests, to offer sacrifice day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did that once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints men subject to weakness to be high priests, but the word of the oath, which was taken after the law, appoints a son, who has been made perfect forever.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

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

Priest/Lector: Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord; and my father will love him and we will come to him.

**R:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL - Mark 12:28b-34

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask him any more questions. This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Blessed Assurance"

COMMUNION HYMN - "Christ Be Our Light"

RECESSIONAL - "Blest Are We"



**HALLOWEEN, Today, October 31**

November 1<sup>st</sup> was set aside to honor **all saints**. It was called **All Hallows** or **All Saints Day**, and the evening before it was **All Hallows E'en**, which means "holy evening." Later this was shortened to **Halloween**. **Halloween** is now generally celebrated with fun-making and masquerading.



**ALL SAINTS DAY & ALL SOULS DAY...**

**All Saints' Day** is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with **All Souls' Day**, which is observed on November 2, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven.

Although millions, or even billions of people may already be saints, **All Saints' Day** observances tend to focus on known saints --that is those recognized in the canon of the saints by the Catholic Church.

**All Saints' Day** is also commemorated by members of the Eastern Orthodox Church as well as some protestant churches, such as Lutheran and Anglican churches.

Many **All Souls' Day** traditions are associated with popular notions about purgatory. Bell tolling is meant to comfort those being cleansed. Lighting candles serves to kindle a light for the poor souls languishing in the darkness. Soul cakes are given to children coming to sing or pray for the dead (cross reference, trick-or-treating), giving

rise to the traditions of "going souling" and the baking of special types of bread or cakes.

In the Catholic Church, "the faithful" refers specifically to baptized Catholics; "**all souls**" commemorates the church penitent of souls in purgatory. In the liturgical books of the western Catholic Church, it is called the **Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed**. Catholics pray for the dead. The Church teaches that the purification of the souls in purgatory can be assisted by the actions of the faithful on earth. Its teaching is based also on the practice of prayer for the dead mentioned as far back as 2 Maccabees 12:42-46. In the West there is ample evidence of the custom of praying for the dead in the inscriptions of the catacombs, with their constant prayers for the peace of the souls of the departed. The doctrine that the souls which, on departing from the body, are not perfectly cleansed from venial sins, or have not fully atoned for past transgressions, are debarred from the Beatific Vision, and that the faithful on earth can help them by prayers, alms deeds and especially by the sacrifice of the Mass.

**SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER...**don't forget to give Father Andrew the names of your **faithfully departed** family and friends to be announced, prayed for and remembered at every Sunday Mass in November. There are sheets provided in the back of the church. Of course, donations are always welcome.

*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, James Conlon, Iris Cafran, Nancy Fernandez Petrozza, Sophia Kyriakakis, Billy Murphy, Helen de la Sota, Jeff Curtis, Ottavia Daquino, Linda Frysztacki, Daniella Vasquez, Bill & Ann Siebuhr, Blanca Vasquez, John Luis Vasquez, Eileen McChesney, Rosemary Rosen, Joe Glovack, Carla Calabrese, Janis Siebuhr, Debbie Granaldi, Dominick Ocello, Louise & Anthony Kuzniewski, Jorge Juan Vasquez, Jessica Arrubla, Debbie Tino, Elena Accomando Capuano, Emily Smith & for all caregivers.

**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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