



# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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## Sunday, January 30, 2022 - Fourth 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 - Jer 1:4-5, 17-19

The word of the LORD came to me, saying: Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you.

But do you gird your loins; stand up and tell them all that I command you. Be not crushed on their account, as though I would leave you crushed before them; for it is I this day who have made you a fortified city, a pillar of iron, a wall of brass, against the whole land: against Judah's kings and princes, against its priests and people. They will fight against you but not prevail over you, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM - 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17

**R. I will sing of your salvation.**

In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice rescue me, and deliver me; incline your ear to me, and save me.

**R. I will sing of your salvation.**

Be my rock of refuge, a stronghold to give me safety, for you are my rock and my fortress.

O my God, rescue me from the hand of the wicked.

**R. I will sing of your salvation.**

For you are my hope, O Lord; my trust, O God, from my youth. On you I depend from birth; from my mother's womb you are my strength.

**R. I will sing of your salvation.**

My mouth shall declare your justice, day by day your salvation. O God, you have taught me from my youth, and till the present I proclaim your wondrous deeds.

**R. I will sing of your salvation.**

### READING 2 - 1 Cor 13:4-13 (short version)

Brothers and sisters: Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails. If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing. For we know partially

and we prophesy partially, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I used to talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I put aside childish things. At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known. So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

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

Priest/Lector: The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives.

**R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

### GOSPEL - Luke 4:21-30

Jesus began speaking in the synagogue, saying: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" He said to them, "Surely you will quote me this proverb, 'Physician, cure yourself,' and say, 'Do here in your native place the things that we heard were done in Capernaum.'" And he said, "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place. Indeed, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe famine spread over the entire land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon. Again, there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **R: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Oh, Lord, I Am Not Worthy"

COMMUNION HYMN - "Here I Am, Lord"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman"



REQUIEM INTENTIONS for

Jeff Curtis

& Theresa Harte

Offered by Joni & John Blenn

# St. Francis Weekly "Faith Renewed"

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, Ottavia Daquino, Linda Frysztacki, Daniella Vasquez, Bill & Ann Siebuhr, Blanca Vasquez, John Luis Vasquez, Eileen McChesney, Rosemary Rosen, Joe Glovack, Mark Interrante, Carla Calabrese, Janis Siebuhr, Debbie Granaldi, Louise & Anthony Kuzniewski, Jorge Juan Vasquez, Bob Homkow, Jessica Arrubla, Debbie Tino, Jimmy Capuano, 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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## PRESENTATION OF JESUS, February 2

Forty days after his birth, Jesus was presented in the temple by Mary and Joseph to fulfill Jewish law. There he was recognized by Simeon and Anna, who were waiting for the coming Messiah. St. Luke reports the event; When the day came to purify them according to the law of Moses, the couple brought Jesus up to Jerusalem so that he could be presented to the Lord, for it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every first-born male shall be consecrated to the Lord." They came to offer in sacrifice "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons," in accord with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

There lived in Jerusalem at the time a certain man named Simeon. He was just and pious, and awaited the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It was revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not experience death until he had seen the Anointed of the Lord. He came to the temple now, inspired by the Spirit; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform for him the customary ritual of the law, he took him in his arms and blessed God in these words;

"Now, Master, you can dismiss your servant in peace; you have fulfilled your word. For my eyes have witnessed your saving deed displayed for all the peoples to see: A revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of your people Israel."

"This feast, celebrated by the Christian Churches of East and West at an early date, has also been called "Candlemas Day" because candles are blessed and lighted this day on which Simeon called Jesus "a light to the Gentiles."

## FATHER ANDREW WILL BLESS OUR THROATS TODAY

The Blessing of the Throats is a sacramental of the Catholic Church, celebrated on **February 2nd**, the feast day of **Saint Blaise of Sebaste**.

Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century. Very little is known about his life. According to various accounts he was a physician before becoming a bishop. His religion spread throughout the entire Church in the Middle Ages because he was reputed

to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. From the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat.

Details regarding the miraculous healing of the boy vary. One account relates that the miracle occurred during the journey to take Blaise to prison when he placed his hand on the boy's head and prayed; another that the miracle happened while Blaise was in prison when he picked up two candles provided to him and formed a cross around the boy's throat.

The use of candles for the blessing of throats stems from the candles that Blaise used while in prison. When an old woman's pig had been miraculously rescued from a wolf by Saint Blaise, she would visit him in prison, bringing him food and candles to bring him light in his dark cell.

## BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY...Henri Nouwen THE JOY OF BEING LIKE OTHERS

At first sight, joy seems to be connected with being different. When you receive a compliment or win an award, you experience the joy of not being the same as others, You are faster, smarter, or more beautiful, and it is that difference that brings you joy. But such joy is very temporary. True joy is hidden where we are the same as other people: fragile and mortal. It is the joy of belonging to the human race. It is the joy of being with others as a friend, a companion, a fellow traveler.

This is the joy of Jesus, who is Emmanuel: God-with-us!

## ST. FRANCIS NOTES...

**GROUNDHOG DAY, February 2**, on this date according to legend, the groundhog comes out of hibernation; if it sees its shadow, it supposedly returns to its hole for six more weeks of winter weather.

## A LITTLE FUN TRIVIA: LEGEND OF THE MISTLETOE

Kissing under the Mistletoe is an old European tradition. It is believed that the Mistletoe holds magical powers from the "soul" of the mighty Oak tree. It grants strength, peace, health, fertility and love to those who kiss beneath it.