



ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace! — St. Francis

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Sunday, February 20, 2022

Sexagesima Sunday

Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

9:00 AM - CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Entrance Hymn - *"Hymn of Faith"*

CONTEMPORARY RITE - Mass Book page 63

Reading 1 - Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

In those days, Saul went down to the desert of Ziph with three thousand picked men of Israel, to search for David in the desert of Ziph. So David and Abishai went among Saul's soldiers by night and found Saul lying asleep within the barricade, with his spear thrust into the ground at his head and Abner and his men sleeping around him.

Abishai whispered to David: "God has delivered your enemy into your grasp this day. Let me nail him to the ground with one thrust of the spear; I will not need a second thrust!" But David said to Abishai, "Do not harm him, for who can lay hands on the LORD's anointed and remain unpunished?" So David took the spear and the water jug from their place at Saul's head, and they got away without anyone's seeing or knowing or awakening. All remained asleep, because the LORD had put them into a deep slumber.

Going across to an opposite slope, David stood on a remote hilltop at a great distance from Abner, son of Ner, and the troops. He said: "Here is the king's spear. Let an attendant come over to get it. The LORD will reward each man for his justice and faithfulness. Today, though the LORD delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm the LORD's anointed."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 103, 1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13)

R: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all my being, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul; and forget not all his benefits.

R: The Lord is kind and merciful.

He pardons all your iniquities, he heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, he crowns you with kindness and compassion.

R: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

R: The Lord is kind and merciful.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.

READING II - 1 Cor 15:45-49

Brothers and sisters: It is written, The first man, Adam, became a living being, the last Adam a life-giving spirit. But the spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven. As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly, and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one.

Priest/Lector: ALLELUIA (3x).

R/: ALLELUIA (3x).

Priest/Lector: I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you.

R/: ALLELUIA (3x).

GOSPEL - Luke 6: 27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: "To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same. If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount. But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - *"Jesus, the All Beautiful"*

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE - *"Bread of Life"*

RECESSIONAL HYMN - *"Heal Me"*



REQUIEM INTENTIONS

for

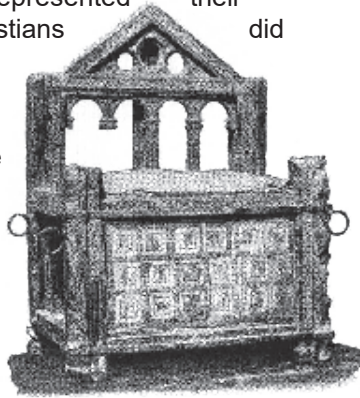
James T. Capuano

Offered by Joni & John Blenn

St. Francis Weekly "Faith Renewed"

CHAIR OF ST. PETER, Apostle, February 22

In ancient Rome, families remembered their dead relatives and friends at a feast during the latter part of February in which an empty chair represented their deceased. Since the early Christians did not know the date of St. Peter's death, they remembered him with a feast around his empty chair on February 22. Later, the Church would see the Chair of St. Peter as a symbol of his authority as the first bishop of both Rome and Antioch. It was to Peter that Jesus said, "I have prayed for you, Peter, that your faith may not fail; and when you have turned to me, you must strengthen the faith of your brothers and sisters."



His prayer: Father, you have built your Church on Peter's confession of faith. May nothing weaken your gift of faith and love. Amen.

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

We pray that Christ be our light, to shine upon the church and all gathered. Welcome and invite your family and friends to join us each Sunday, as we celebrate the Holy Eucharist, Holy Mass, at 9 a.m.. Always our invitation to join us in the Parish Hall, after Mass, for coffee and a roll, time to share, listen and care with one another. May Christ be our light!

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY -

Henri Nouwen

A reflection of faith and wisdom... CREATING SPACE FOR GOD

Discipline is the other side of discipleship. Discipline without discipline is like waiting to run in the marathon without ever practicing. Discipline without discipleship is like always practicing for the marathon out never participating. It is important, however, to realize that discipline in the spiritual life is not the same as discipline in sports. Discipline in sports is the concentrated effort to master the body so that it can obey the mind better. Discipline in the spiritual life is the concentrated effort to create the space and time where God can become our master and where we can respond freely to God's guidance.

Thus, discipline is the creation of boundaries that keep time and space open for God. Solitude requires discipline, worship requires discipline, caring for others requires discipline. They all ask us to set apart a time and a place where God's gracious presence can be acknowledged and responded to.

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS - Helen Steiner Rice A PRAYER FOR PATIENCE

God, teach me to be patient, teach me to go slow
teach me
how to wait on You when my way I do not know.
"A quick-tempered man does foolish things,
and a crafty man is hated." —Proverbs 14:17
Today pursue the quality of forbearance!

**On Sunday, March 27th, we will hold our Annual Parish Meeting. Time will be announced soon.
All are welcome to come. We value your thoughts, ideas and any suggestions
to help our Parish thrive and grow in God's graces.**

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, 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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