



## ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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*February 27, 2022*

*Quinquagesima 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 - Sir 27:4-7

When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear; so do one's faults when one speaks. As the test of what the potter molds is in the furnace, so in tribulation is the test of the just. The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had; so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he speaks, for it is then that people are tested.

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 II - 1 Cor 15:54-58

Brothers and sisters: When this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about: Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

**Priest/Lector: ALLELUIA (3x).**

**R/: ALLELUIA (3x).**

**Priest/Lector:** Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word of life.

**R/: ALLELUIA (3x).**

#### GOSPEL - Luke 6:39-45

Jesus told his disciples a parable, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye.

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn-bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN - "*Sweet Hour of Prayer!*"

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE - "*Down By the River*"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "*Gather Your People*"

# St. Francis Weekly "Faith Renewed"

**"REMEMBER, MAN, THAT THOU ART DUST, AND UNTO DUST THOU SHALT RETURN."  
ASH WEDNESDAY - March 2**

This opens the liturgical season of Lent. In Old Law ashes were generally a symbolic expression of grief, mourning, or repentance. In the Early Church the use of ashes had a like significance and with sackcloth formed part of the public penance. The blessing of ashes is one of the great liturgical rites of the year. It was originally instituted for public penitents, but is now intended for all Christians, as Lent should be a time for all. The ashes used this day are obtained by burning the palms of the previous year. Four ancient prayers are used in blessing them; having sprinkled them with holy water and incensed them, the priest puts them on the foreheads of the faithful with the words; "Remember, man, that thou art dust, and unto dust thou shalt return."

## WHAT SHOULD I DO FOR LENT?

The most important thing anyone can do for Lent is to "return to the Lord with your whole heart" (Joel 2:12). That's the root meaning of repent; to turn around. Catholics have traditionally expressed sorrow for sin and the desire to live as genuine Disciples of Christ through the practices of 'prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, described in the sixth chapter of Matthew's Gospel. There Jesus emphasizes the real reason for these practices; to deepen our relationship with God, whom Jesus calls "Father."

Fasting and abstinence, practiced as the Church instructs is a good beginning. A bodily way to remind ourselves that we need God above all things, fasting is also a sacrifice, a gift back to God of our heart's intent to depend more completely on God. The interior free desire to deepen our relationship to God is the essence of a Lenten fast.

Prayer is a recognition that we need help to turn back to God. From daily Mass, to the Rosary, to Cantering Prayer, to the Stations of the Cross, to Eucharistic Adoration, the Church encourages a wealth of prayerful practices. A very simple way to pray is to sit quietly for a moment before taking up one of the Gospels and slowly reading a passage that you like. Simply sit with the passage for a bit, savoring the Word and allowing it to touch you, read it again slowly, and then respond to God.

Almsgiving readjusts our priorities while it expresses both our love of neighbor and our trust in God. A free gift to those in need confirms our basic trust in Providence while concretely helping those in' need. Just as we fast without starving ourselves, so we give alms without jeopardizing our security or that of our family. The point is to give from the heart.

## VESTMENTS & LINENS

The ecclesiastical colors too speak a language of their own, a language of faith and of love, as does the whole liturgy. From the most remote times, an allegorical meaning has been attached by men to colors.

During this Season of Lent, we use the color VIOLET. The color of humility and penitence, and is worn in time of repentance during Advent and Lent.

**If you haven't paid your annual dues of \$120,  
please do so ASAP.**

**On Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, we will hold  
our Annual Parish Meeting.**

**Time will be announced soon.**

**All are welcome. 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, 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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