# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH Lord, make me an instrument of your peace! —St. Francis

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Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus. R/. Na wieki, wiekow Amen. Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ. R/. Now and forever. Amen.

9:00 AM - "Christ Is Risen"

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READING I - Acts 5:27-32

When the captain and the court officers had brought the apostles in and made them stand before the Sanhedrin, the high priest questioned them, "We gave you strict orders, did we not, to stop teaching in that name? Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and want to bring this man's blood upon us." But Peter and the apostles said in reply, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our ancestors raised Jesus, though you had him killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins. We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The Sanhedrin ordered the apostles to stop speaking in the name of Jesus, and dismissed them. So they left the presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13

# R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will extol you, O LORD, for you drew me clear and did not let my enemies rejoice over me. O LORD, you brought me up from the netherworld; you preserved me from among those going down into the pit.

### R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Sing praise to the LORD, you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger lasts but a moment; a lifetime, his good will. At nightfall, weeping enters in, but with the dawn, rejoicing.

# R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Hear, O LORD, and have pity on me; O LORD, be my helper. You changed my mourning into dancing;

O LORD, my God, forever will I give you thanks.

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# READING II - Rev 5:11-14

I, John, looked and heard the voices of many angels who surrounded the throne and the living creatures and the elders. They were countless in number, and they cried out in a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing." Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and

under the earth and in the sea, everything in the universe, cry out: "To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might,

forever and ever." The four living creatures answered, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

R./ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest/Lector: Christ is risen, creator of all; he has shown pity on all people.

R./ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

### GOSPEL - John 21:1-14

At that time, Jesus revealed himself to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way. Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "He also will come with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore, full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead. This is the gospel of the Lord.

R/: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ. OFFERTORY HYMN - "Celtic Alleluial" COMMUNION - "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman" RECESSIONAL - "This Is the Day"



# St. Francis Weekly "Faith Renewed"

#### THE JOYS OF MARY

The month of May is reserved to honor our Blessed Mother Mary. May Devotions and Litany, will be held during Sunday Mass. Come, Hail Mary! Christ...through Mary...Pray for Us!

#### MARY, QUEEN OF THE ROSARY

You who love the rosary, can make it a more powerful and effective prayer to God. Just as our Lady did, you also can ponder



the rosary mysteries in your heart. You will thus make them part of your outlook, being, and life. The rosarv is a wonderful as well as a traditional prayer form. The rosary engages your whole person. Your fingers tell the beads, your lips repeat the prayers, your mind reflects on each mystery, and your heart responds to its message. The rosary employs repetition, an essential element in the language of love. As a result, you identify with our Lord and His blessed mother by applying their saving deeds to your own life with its joys, sorrows, and glories. Know that it is better to pray one rosary mystery well than to say many decades absent-mindedly. God's Peace!

#### **HIS WORDS - HOPE**

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." —1 Peter 1:3

#### IN MY OWN WORDS - MARY MOTHER TERESA (1910 - 1997)

I recommended praying these words to Mary: Mary, Mother of Jesus and of those who participate in his priestly ministry, we come to you with the same attitude of children who come to their mother. We are no longer children, but adults who desire with all our hearts to be God's children. Our human condition is weak, that is why we come to ask for your motherly aid so we are able to overcome our weakness. Pray for us that we can, in turn, become people of prayer. We invoke your protection so that we remain free from all sin. We invoke your love so that it may reign and we will be compassionate and forgiving. We ask for your blessing so we can be like the image of your beloved Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

# MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS,

My soul magnifies the Lord." When the angel Gabriel told Mary that she was to conceive and give birth to the Son of God, he also informed her that her cousin, Elizabeth had also conceived six months previously, even though she was past childbearing age. Mary immediately went to visit Elizabeth in the hills of Judaea where she lived with her husband, Zacharias. On entering their home, Mary greeted Elizabeth, and the older woman felt the baby, later to be John the Baptist, stir in her womb. Then Elizabeth greeted Mary, "Blessed are you among woman, and blessed is your child." Then she told Mary that when she heard her voice, the child in her womb leaped for joy. "My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit reioices in God my savior. He has assigned to notice me, his humble servant, and from now on. all generations will call me blessed. For he who is mighty has done great things to me, God holy is his name." Then Mary continued to recount how God shows mercy to those who are in awe of him, that he puts down the mighty and uplifts the humble, that he satisfies the hungry and sends the rich away empty. Mary stayed with Elizabeth for the rest of her pregnancy and then returned home. In time she gave birth to Jesus, and soon after saved his life in Egypt where she and Joseph fled to escape Herod's soldiers who were sent to kill him. When Jesus began his own ministry, Mary, encouraged the act of compassion that was his first miracle, the changing of water into wine for the marriage at Cana. She accompanied

John, the beloved apostle, to Calvary, and among Jesus, dying words was his desire that the two should look after each other as mother and son. Scripture tells us that Mary was part of the Christian community in Jerusalem after Jesus's Ascension, but her own death is not recorded. A strong popular tradition from the earliest times was that she was taken physically into heaven, and she resides as Queen of Heaven and Mother of All Living Things. She has many feast days in the liturgical calendar and traditionally the month of May is reserved for her honor. Hail Mary!

#### ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI'S PRAYER PRAISING MARY THE MOTHER OF JESUS

Hail, holy lady, most holy queen, Mary, Mother of God, ever virgin. You were chosen by the Most High Father in heaven, consecrated by him, with his most holy beloved Son and the Holy Spirit, the Comforter. On you descended and still remains all the fullness of grace and every good. Hail his palace. Hail his tabernacle. Hail his robe. Hail his handmaid. Hail his Mother. And hail all holy virtues, who by grace and inspiration of the Holy Spirit, are poured into the hearts of the faithful so that from their faithless state, they may be made faithful servants of God through you. Amen.

# **Dandelion Facts:**

Dandelions are NOT weeds, but are from the same family as sunflowers.

1 cup of dandelion greens = 535% of your daily recommended vitamin K and 112% of vitamin A. A Dandelion Seed can travel up to 5 miles before it lands.

Every part of the dandelion is edible.

Up until the 1800's, dandelions were seen as extremly benefical. People would remove grass to plant dandelions.