

ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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May 8, 2022 - Fourth Sunday in Easter - Mother's Day



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 13:14, 43-52

Paul and Barnabas continued on from

Perga and reached Antioch in Pisidia. On the sabbath they entered the synagogue and took their seats. Many Jews and worshipers who were converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who spoke to them and urged them to remain faithful to the grace of God.

On the following sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and with violent abuse contradicted what Paul said. Both Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first, but since you reject it and condemn yourselves as unworthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth."

The Gentiles were delighted when they heard this and glorified the word of the Lord. All who were destined for eternal life came to believe, and the word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region. The Jews, however, incited the women of prominence who were worshipers and the leading men of the city, stirred up a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in protest against them, and went to Iconium. The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5

R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; serve the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful song.

R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Know that the LORD is God; he made us, his we are; his people, the flock he tends.



R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

The LORD is good: his kindness endures forever, and his faithfulness, to all generations.

R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

READING II - Rev 7:9, 14b-17

I, John, had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands.

Then one of the elders said to me, "These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they stand before God's throne and worship him day and night in his temple. The one who sits on the throne will shelter them. They will not hunger or thirst anymore, nor will the sun or any heat strike them. For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

R./ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest/Lector: I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

R./ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL - 10:27-30

Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one." This is the gospel of the Lord. R/: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

LITANY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

OFFERTORY HYMN - "O'ver Death Victorious"

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COMMUNION HYMN -

"Christ The Lord Is Risen Today"

RECESSIONAL HYMN -

"Hail Mary, Gentle Woman"

St. Francis Weekly "Faith Renewed"

Happy Mother's Day!!!

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 rosary 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!

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 rejoices 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!

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY

Henri Nouwen

GOING BEYOND OUR WANTS

Sometimes we behave like children in a toy shop. We want this, and that, and then something else. The many options confuse us and create an enormous restlessness in us. When someone says, "Well, what do you want? You can have one thing. Make up your mind," we do not know what to choose.

As long as our hearts keep vacillating among these many wants, we cannot move forward in life with inner peace and joy. That is why we need inner and outer disciplines, to go beyond these wants and discover our mission in life.

UPCOMING EVENT

Sunday, May 22 - 9 a.m. Mass
Baptism & First Holy Communion
of Samantha Navarino

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED MAKE OUR SPRING FUNDRAISER DINNER A WHOPPING SUCCESS

Whether you cooked, baked, served, made raffle gifts, called raffle numbers, collected money, got food or supplies donated, counted money, cut pies, washed dishes, whatever you did...

THANK YOU. We had a huge turnout and it seemed everyone enjoyed, not only the food, but themselves. Special thanks to Bonnie Dackow and Doreen Nelson who aren't members of our Parish, but are definitely members of our Parish Family.

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, 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, Susan Allback, Carla Calabrese, Janis Siebuhr, Debbie Granaldi, Louise & Anthony Kuzniewski, Jorge Juan Vasquez, Jim Myers, Fred Frankel, 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.