

COMENATRY ON TODAY'S GOSPEL BY DOM GUERANGER

The several parts of the parable here proposed to us, are easy to understand and convey a deep teaching. God alone is rich by nature, for to Him alone belongs the direct and absolute dominion over all things: they are his because he made them. But by sending his Son into the world under a created form, he, by this temporal mission, appointed him Heir to all the works of his hands, just as truly as he already was owner of the riches of the divine nature because of his eternal generation. The rich man, then, of our Gospel is Jesus, who in his sacred Humanity, united to the Word, is heir of all things, and as such, all things of the Most High God, created or uncreated, finite or infinite, belong to him. To him belong the heavens which proclaim his glory, and which, as long as they last, clothe him with their garment of light; to him the ocean, whose surges are but a voice that speaks his praise, and hushes the fury of its tempests when he bids it be still; to him the earth, which gladly offers him the homage of all its fullness. The grass and flowers of the meadows, the varied fruits, the fertile loveliness of the fields, the birds of the air and the fishes which inhabit the rivers, or that sport in the paths of the sea, the huge oxen as well as the tiniest insect that lives—the wild beasts of forest or mountain are all his, all are subject to his rule. Silver, too, is his, and gold is his; and man too is his, and would have been eternally his servant, had not this Jesus mercifully vouchsafed to divinize him, and make him a partaker of his own eternal happiness and riches.



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Eight Sunday after Pentecost

Introit

O God, we ponder Thy kindness within Thy temple. As Thy Name, O God, so also Thy praise reaches to the ends of the earth. Of justice Thy right hand is full. Great is the Lord and wholly to be praised in the city of our God, His holy mountain.

Glory be to the Father . . .

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Collect

Ever graciously bestow upon us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the spirit of thinking and doing what is right, so that we, who cannot exist without Thee, may have the strength to live in accordance with Thy law. Through our Lord . . .

Epistle

Romans 8:12-17

Brethren: We are debtors, not to the flesh, that we should live according to the flesh, for if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the spirit you put to death the deeds of the flesh, you will live. For whoever are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. Now you have not received a spirit of bondage so as to be again in fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons, by virtue of which we cry, Abba! Father! The Spirit Himself gives testimony to our spirit that we are sons of God. But if we are sons, we are heirs also: heirs indeed of God and joint heirs with Christ.

Gradual & Alleluia

Be my rock of refuge, O God, a stronghold to give me safety. In Thee, O God, I take refuge; O Lord, let me never be put to shame. Alleluia, alleluia. Great is the Lord and wholly to be praised in the city of our God, His holy mountain. Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 16:1-9

At that time, Jesus spoke to His disciples this parable: There was a certain rich man who had a steward, who was reported to him as squandering his possessions. And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear of you? Make an accounting of your stewardship, for you can be steward no longer.' And the steward said within himself, 'What shall I do, seeing that my master is taking away the stewardship from me? To dig I am not able; to beg I am ashamed. I know what I shall do, that when I am removed from my stewardship they may receive me into their houses.' And he summoned each of his master's debtors and said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' And he said, 'A hundred jars of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bond and sit down at once and write fifty.' Then he said to another, 'How much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred kors of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bond and write eighty.' And the master commended the unjust steward, in that he had acted prudently; for the children of this world, in relation to their own generation, are more prudent than the children of the light. And I say to you, make friends for yourselves with the mammon of wickedness, so that when you fail they may receive you into the everlasting dwellings.

Offertory

Lowly people Thou savest, O Lord, but haughty eyes You bring low; for who is God except Thee, O Lord?

Secret

Accept, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the gifts which we bring to Thee out of Thy own bounty, so that these most holy sacramental rites may, by the power of Thy grace, sanctify us in the conduct of our present life, and lead us to everlasting joy. Through our Lord . . .

Communion

Taste and see how good the Lord is; happy the man who takes refuge in Him.

Postcommunion

May the heavenly sacrament, O Lord, renew our minds and bodies, so that we may feel the benefit of the worship we perform. Through our Lord . . .



WISDOM FROM ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

"Whatever happens, abide steadfast in a determination to cling simply to God."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, July 23rd: Annual summer picnic. Following Holy Mass at St Michael's Byzantine Parish, 557 W 57th Ave, Merrillville, IN 46410. Please bring a dish to share. Burgers and hot dogs will be provided. \$20 suggested donation per family to cover expenses.

Friday, August 4th: First Friday of the Month. Devotions to the Sacred Heart and Benediction, 6.30 pm, followed by Holy Mass at 7 pm. St. Joseph's Church, Dyer.

Tuesday, August 15th: Feast of the Assumption, High Mass at 6.30 pm.

BURSAR'S BOX

Sunday, July 2nd: \$ 5, 784.00

Sunday, July 9th: \$ 6, 711.00

Sunday, July 16th: \$ 3, 115.00

Total for the Month : \$ 15, 610.00

Please make checks payable to "Institute of Christ the King" with *Oratory* on the memo line. All checks made out to "Our Lady of Czestochowa" are given to the Salvatorian Fathers. By order of the bishop, \$1000/week is given in rent to the Salvatorian Fathers.

Thank you for your generosity!

COLLECTION ENVELOPES 2024

FOR ST. JOSEPH ORATORY/MERRILLVILLE

Collection envelopes for the 2024 year to benefit St. Joseph Oratory of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest Apostolate will be available upon request. Please contact Mrs. Renata Neupauer at rneupauer@institute-christ-king.org to be added. Please indicate Collection Envelopes in the subject line. Deadline August 1, 2023.

If you have recently changed your phone number, email, or home address, please be sure to contact Mrs. Neupauer to update your information. This will be especially important when the end-of-year tax statements are sent out.