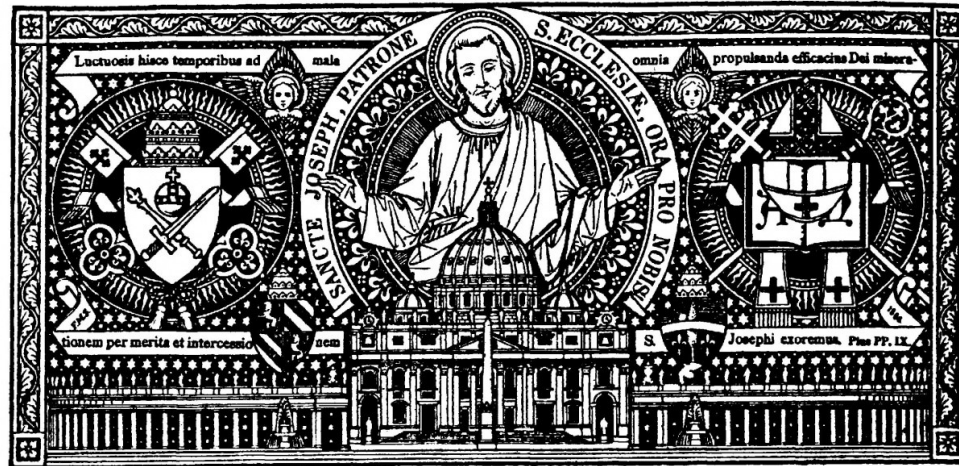


COMMENTARY ON TODAY'S LITURGY BY DOM GUÉRANGER

As the nuptials of the Son of God approach their final completion, there will be also, on the side of hell, a redoubling of rage against the Bride, with a determination to destroy her. The dragon of the Apocalypse, the old serpent who seduced Eve, will vomit his vile foam, as a river, from his mouth—that is, he will urge on all the passions of man, that they may league together for her ruin. But do what he will, he can never weaken the bond of the eternal alliance; and having no power against the Church herself, he will turn his fury against the last children of the new Eve, who will have the perilous honor of those final battles, which are described by the Prophet of Patmos.

It is then more than at all previous times that the Faithful will have to remember the injunction given to us by the Apostle in today's Epistle; that is, they will have to comport themselves with that circumspection which he enjoins, taking every possible care to keep their understanding, no less than their heart, pure in those evil days. Supernatural light will, in those days, not only have to stand the attacks of the children of darkness, who will put forward their false doctrines; it will, moreover, be minimized and falsified by the very children of the light yielding on the question of principles; it will be endangered by the hesitations and trimmings and human prudence of those who are called far-seeing men. Many will practically ignore the master-truth, that the Church never can be overwhelmed by any created power. If they do remember that our Lord has promised himself to uphold his Church even to the end of the world, they will still have the impertinence to believe that they do a great service to the good cause by making certain politically clever concessions, which, if they were tried in the balance of the sanctuary, would be found under weight! Those future worldly-wise people will quite forget that our Lord will have no need for helping him to keep his promise of crooked schemes, however shrewd those may be; they will entirely overlook this most elementary consideration—that the cooperation, which Jesus deigns to accept, at the hands of his servants, in the defense of the rights of his Church, never could consist in the grabbling, or in the disguise-ment, of those grant truths which constitute the power and beauty of the Bride. Is it possible that they will forget the Apostle's maxim, which he lays down in his Epistle to the Romans—that the conforming oneself to this world—the attempting an impossible adaptation of the Gospel to a world that is un-christianized—is not the means for proving what is the good, and acceptable, and the perfect will of God. So that it will be a thing of great and rare merit, in many an occurrence of those unhappy times, to merely understand what is the will of God, as our Epistle expresses it.



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Sunday, October 23rd, 2022

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Introit

All that You have done to us, O Lord, You have done in true judgment; because we have sinned against You, and we have not obeyed your commandments; but give glory to Your name, and deal with us according to the multitude of Your mercy. Happy are they whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father . . .

All that You have done to us . . .

Collect

O Lord, we beseech You, graciously grant Your faithful forgiveness and peace, that they may be cleansed of all sin and serve You with minds free from care. Through our Lord . . .

Epistle

Ephesians 5:15-21

Brethren: See to it that you walk with care: not as unwise but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not become foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, for in that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to

one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your hearts to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father. Be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.

Gradual & Alleluia

The eyes of all look hopefully to You, O Lord, and You give them their food in due season. You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Alleluia, alleluia. My heart is steadfast, O God; my heart is steadfast; I will sing and chant praise to You, my glory. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 4:46-53

At that time, there was a certain royal official whose son was lying sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and besought Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. Jesus therefore said to him, Unless you see signs and wonders, you do not believe. The royal official said to Him, Sir, come down before my child dies. Jesus said to him, Go your way, your son lives. The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and departed. But even as he was now going down, his servants met him and brought word saying that his son lived. He asked of them therefore the hour in which he had got better. And they told him, Yesterday, at the seventh hour, the fever left him. The father knew then that it was at that very hour in which Jesus had said to him, Your son lives. And he himself believed, and his whole household.

Offertory

By the streams of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered you, O Sion.

Secret

May these sacramental rites, O Lord, we beseech You, be our heavenly medicine and expel evil from our hearts. Through our Lord . . .

Communion

Remember Your word to Your servant, O Lord, since You have given me hope. This is my comfort in my affliction.

Postcommunion

That we may be made worthy, O Lord, of Your sacred gifts, make us, we beseech You, ever obedient to Your commandments. Through our Lord . . .

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Sunday, October 2nd: \$ 7 , 767.00

Sunday, October 9th: \$ 5 , 471.00

Sunday, October 16th: \$ 4 , 110.00

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WISDOM OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

“Do not be eager at work because every kind of eagerness disturbs reason and judgement. It even prevents us from doing well the very things of which we are too eager.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, October 22nd to Sunday, October 30th: Novena of Gratitude to the Infant King. Prayer Cards available at the back of the church.

Sunday, October 30th: Feast of Christ the King

- ◆ Sung Mass at 11am, followed by Eucharistic Procession and Benediction.
- ◆ A plenary indulgence may be gained under the usual conditions may be gained by the faithful who assist at Mass at an apostolate of the Institute this day.
- ◆ Semiannual Collection for the Institute’s International Seminary.

Tuesday, November 1st: All Saints Day, *Holy Day of Obligation*, Holy Mass at 6.30 pm

Wednesday, November 2nd: All Souls Day. Sung Mass with Tomas Luis de Victoria’s *Requiem*, followed by absolution at the catafalque at 6.30 pm.