

COMMENTARY ON TODAY'S LITURGY BY DOM GUÉRANGER

Holy Church resumes the lesson of St. Paul, where she left it last Sunday. The Spiritual life, the life produced in our souls by the Holy Spirit, in place of the former life of the flesh—this is still the subject of the Apostle's teaching. When the flesh has been subdued, we must take care and not suppose that the structure of our perfection is completed. Not only must the combat be kept up after the victory, under penalty of losing all we have won, but we must also be on the watch lest one or other of the heads of the triple concupiscence take advantage of the soul's efforts being elsewhere directed, to raise itself against us, and sting us all the more terribly, because it is left to do just as it pleases. The Apostle warns us here of vainglory, and well he may; for vainglory is, more than other enemies, always in a menacing attitude, ready to infuse its subtle poison even into acts of humility and penance; hence the Christian, who is desirous to serve God and not his own gratification, by the virtues he practices, must keep up a specially active vigilance over this passion. Just let us think, for a moment, on the madness that culprit would be guilty of who, having his sentence to death commuted for a severe flogging, should take pride in the stripes left on his body by the whip! May this madness never be ours! It would seem, however, as though it were far from being impossible, seeing how the Apostle, immediately after his telling us to mortify our flesh, bids us take heed of vainglory. In fact, we are not safe on this subject, excepting inasmuch as the outward humiliation, inflicted by us on our body has this for its principle, that our soul should voluntarily humble herself at the sight of her miseries. The ancient Philosophers, too, had their maxims about the restraint of the senses; but those among them who practiced those admirably worded maxims found them a stepping-stone for the pride to mount of mountains high in self-conceit. It could not be otherwise; for they were totally devoid of anything like the sentiments which actuated our Fathers in the faith who, when they clad themselves in sackcloth and prostrated on the ground, cried out from the heartfelt conviction of the miseries of human nature: Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy! for I was conceived in iniquities, and my sin is ever before me!



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Sunday, September 18th, 2022 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Introit

Incline Your ear, O Lord; answer me; save Your servant, O my God, who trusts in You. Have pity on me, O Lord, for to You I call all the day.

Gladden the soul of Your servant, for to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Glory be to the Father . . .

Incline Your ear, O Lord. . .

Collect

May Your abiding mercy, O Lord, cleanse and strengthen Your Church, and, since without You she cannot exist in safety, let her be ever guided by Your grace. Through our Lord . . .

Epistle

Galatians 5:25-26; 6:1-10

Brethren: If we live by the Spirit, by the Spirit let us also walk. Let us not become desirous of vainglory, provoking one another, envying one another. Brethren, even if a person is caught doing something wrong, you who are spiritual instruct such a one in a spirit of meekness, considering yourself, lest you also be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks himself to be something, whereas he is

nothing, he deceives himself. But let everyone test his own work, and so he will have glory in himself only, and not in comparison with another. For each one will bear his own burden. And let him who is instructed in the word share all good things with his teacher. Be not deceived, God is not mocked. For what a man sows in the flesh, from the flesh also will reap corruption. But he who sows in the spirit, from the spirit will reap life everlasting. And in doing good let us not grow tired; for in due time we shall reap if we do not relax. Therefore, while we have time, let us do good to all men, but especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Gradual & Alleluia

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing to Your name, Most High. To proclaim Your kindness at dawn and Your faithfulness throughout the night. Alleluia, alleluia. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King over all the earth. Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 7:11-16

At that time, Jesus went to a town called Naim; and His disciples and a large crowd went with Him. And as He drew near the gate of the town, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large gathering from the town was with her. And the Lord, seeing her, had compassion on her, and said to her, Do not weep. And He went up and touched the stretcher; and the bearers stood still. And He said, Young man, I say to you, arise. And he who was dead, sat up, and began to speak. And He gave him to his mother. But fear seized upon all, and they began to glorify God, saying, A great prophet has risen among us, and God has visited His people.

Offertory

I have waited, waited for the Lord, and He stooped toward me, and heard my cry. And He put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God.

Secret

May Your sacrament, O Lord, always keep us and guard us from the assaults of the devil. Through our Lord . . .

Communion

The bread that I will give is My Flesh for the life of the world.

Postcommunion

May the working of the heavenly gift, O Lord, so possess us, mind and body, that the action of the sacrament, rather than our senses, may continually prevail in us. Through our Lord . . .

REGINA ANGELORUM CHOIR

This newly formed choir of volunteers aims to provide consistent choral music for the liturgies of St. Joseph when a Festival Choir is not present. Under the direction of Mr. Stephen Taylor and Abbé Raymond Schmidt, the choir will learn Gregorian Chant, Polyphony and other Sacred Choral works to sing on most Sundays and Feast Days. After a simple audition, the volunteer singers will receive the help and materials they need to perform at the best of their ability. Prior experience is not required.

If you are interested in joining or if you have questions about the choir, contact Abbé Raymond:

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“A friendship that is confined to beautiful words is worth nothing. It is not loving one another as Our Lord loved us. The Lord was not satisfied in merely telling us that he loved us; he went much beyond and did all he could to prove his love.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 18th: Monthly Coffee Social Hour following Holy Mass at Trinity Lutheran Church Gymnasium, 7227 Hohman Avenue, Hammond. Parking and entrance at the rear of the building. Please use the double red door marked “A.”

Thursday, September 29th: Feast of St. Michael the Archangel. Solemn Mass at 6.30 pm.

BURSAR’S BOX

Sunday, September 4th: \$ 4 , 593.00

Sunday, September 11th: \$ 10 , 905.00

Wednesday, September 14th: \$1, 081.00

Total to date: \$ 16, 939.00

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