

COMENATRY ON TODAY'S EPISTAL BY DOM GUERANGER

The divine Word who had come down from heaven to sanctify men in truth (that is, to sanctify them in Himself), had to make this His first care,—to restore what time had tarnished, to restore all the original brightness to the changeless principles of justice and right, which rest in Him as in their center. No sooner had he called disciples around Him, and chosen twelve out of their number as Apostles, than he began, with all possible solemnity, His divine work of moral restoration. The passage from the Sermon on the Mount, which the Church has selected for the Gospel of this fifth Sunday, follows immediately after his declaring, that He had come, not to find fault with, or destroy the Law, but to restore it to its true meaning, of which the Scribes had deprived it; yea, He had come that he might give it all the fullness, which the very co-temporaries of Moses were too hard to take in. One should read the whole chapter of St. Matthew from which our Gospel is taken; the explanations we have been giving will make it easily understood.

In the few lines put before us today by the Church, our Lord tells us not to make human tribunals the standard of the justice needed for our entering into the kingdom of heaven. The Jewish law brought a man who was guilty of murder before the criminal court of judgment; and He, the Master and author of the Law, declares to us, that anger, which is the first step leading to murder, even though it lurk in the deepest recesses of the conscience, may bring death to the soul; and thus really incur, in the spiritual order, the capital punishment which human tribunals reserve to actual murder. If, without going so far as to strike the offender, our anger should vent itself in insulting language, such as worthless wretch (which, in Syriac, is *Raca*), the sin becomes so serious, that, weighed in the balance of its real guilt as known by God, it would be a case, not of the ordinary criminal jurisdiction, but of the highest council of the nation. If the angry man pass from insulting to injurious language, there is no human tribunal which, be it as severe as it can be in its verdict, can give us an idea of the enormity of the sin committed. But the authority of the sovereign Judge is not, like that of a human magistrate, confined within certain limits; when fraternal charity is outraged, there is an avenger who will demand justice beyond the grave. Such is the importance of holy charity, which God demands should unite all men together! And so directly opposed to God's design is the sin, which, in whatever degree, endangers or troubles the union of the living stones of the temple, which has to be built up in concord and love here below, to the glory of the undivided and tranquil Trinity!



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Sunday, July 2nd, 2023

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Introit

Hear, O Lord, the sound of my call; be my helper: forsake me not: despise me not, O God my Saviour.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?

Glory be to the Father . . .

Hear, O Lord, the sound of my call . . .

Collect

O God, Who hast prepared good things as yet unseen for those who love Thee, pour a burning love into our hearts, so that we, loving Thee in and above all things, may obtain Thy promises which surpass all desire. Through our Lord . . .

Epistle

1 Peter 3:8-15

Beloved: Be all like-minded in prayer, compassionate, lovers of the brethren, merciful, reserved, humble; not rendering evil for evil, or abuse for abuse, but contrariwise, blessing; for unto this were you called that you might inherit a blessing. For, 'He who would love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no deceit. Let him turn away from evil and do good, let him seek after peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are upon the just, and His ears unto their prayers; but the face of the lord is against those who do evil.' And who is there to harm you, if you are

zealous for what is good? But even if you suffer anything for justice' sake, blessed are you. So have no fear of their fear and do not be troubled. But hallow the Lord Christ in your hearts.

Gradual & Alleluia

Behold, O God, our protector, and look on Thy servants. O Lord God of Hosts, hear the prayers of Thy servants.

Alleluia, alleluia. O Lord, in Thy strength the king is glad; in Thy victory how greatly he rejoices! Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 5:20-24

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples: Unless your justice exceeds that of the Scribes and Pharisees, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven. You have heard that it was said to the ancients, 'You shall not kill'; and that whoever shall kill shall be liable to judgment. But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgment; and whoever says to his brother, 'Raca,' shall be liable to the Sanhedrin; and whoever says, 'You fool!', shall be liable to the fire of Gehenna. Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift before the altar and go first to be reconciled to your brother; and then come and offer your gift.

Offertory

I bless the Lord Who counsels me; I set God ever before me; with Him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

Secret

Be propitious to our supplications, O Lord, and graciously receive these oblations of Thy servants and handmaids, that what each one offered to the glory of Thy name, may profit all to salvation.

Through our Lord . . .

Communion

One thing I ask of the Lord; this I seek: to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Postcommunion

Grant us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that we whom Thou hast filled with the heavenly gift may be cleansed of our hidden sins and delivered from the snares of our enemies. Through our Lord . . .



WISDOM FROM ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

"How foolish are those who waste time and thought in desiring to be martyred in the Indies, but do not apply themselves to the duties of their state of life!"

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Sunday, July 23rd: Annual summer picnic. Following Holy Mass at St Michael's Byzantine Parish, 557 W 57th Ave, Merrillville, IN 46410.

BURSAR'S BOX

Sunday, June 4th: \$ 3, 557.00

Sunday, June 11th: \$ 5, 128.00

Sunday, June 18th: \$ 3, 694.00

Sunday, June 25th: \$ 3, 911.00

Total for the Month of June: \$ 16, 290.00

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Thank you for your generosity!

In addition, \$2, 944.00 was contributed to the annual collection for the Sister Adorers.

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.