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August 14, 2022



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A Vicarious Descant

In the *usus antiquior* form of the Mass today the Gospel passage begins: “Jesus spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves as just, and despised others.” It is one of a number of passages in the Gospels that includes a “qualifier” to say that it is directed to a specific group of people.

There seems to be two overall points to today’s parable: First, when you appear before the Lord in prayer whether it be in public worship or by a simple mental prayer offered as you go about your day, you should not count up what you’ve done right, but instead, ask for God’s mercy for having not lived as righteously as God’s grace allows. Counting up what you’ve done right risks trusting in yourself as just, and the Bible and Sacred Tradition reminds us many times that we are not just in the eyes of God, but instead have been given a divine right to His mercy.

And second: when you bring what you’ve done wrong before the Lord, make sure it’s what you’ve done wrong and not what others have done wrong. It is far too easy today to spend a lot of time noticing and lamenting the wrong others are doing in ways great and small. Those laments are not accomplishing anything. They need to be replaced by prayer for those people. Once you ask God to have mercy on you, then offer prayers for those in need of God’s mercy. Especially those in Most Need of God’s mercy---as we say after each decade of the Rosary.

There are 150 Psalms in the Bible. Each psalm is a distinct prayer directed to God in the form of a hymn, a lament or thanksgiving (cf. Readers Guide 242 in the Catholic Study Bible). Each was meant to be sung and they are still sung or recited every day by the clergy, religious and the Faithful who make the breviary part of their daily prayers. In the traditional breviary, all 150 Psalms were recited, mostly in chronological order, every week. In the new breviary, a few of the Psalms were taken out and the remaining Psalms are recited over the course of four weeks.

There are over 50 direct quotations of the Psalms in the New Testament and many more references and paraphrases of the Psalms. There are two Psalms in the Bible that are nearly identical word-for-word: Psalm 14 and Psalm 53. This is one of the Psalms that St. Paul quotes in chapter 3 of his Letter to the Romans when he says that all people share a common burden of sin which leads to infidelity. He writes: “Well, then, are we better off? (meaning are the Gentiles better off than the Israelites who were under the Old Covenant). Not entirely (he answers) “for we have already brought the charge against Jews and Greeks alike that they are all under the domination of sin, as it is written: ‘There is no one just, not one, there is no one who understands, there is no one who seeks God. All have gone astray; all alike are worthless; there is not one who does good, there is not even one. Their

throats are open graves; they deceive with their tongues; the venom of asps is on their lips; their mouths are full of bitter cursing. Their feet are quick to shed blood; ruin and misery are in their ways, and the way of peace they know not. There is no fear of God before their eyes.” That is Romans 3:9-18, which in turn quotes two Psalms simultaneously: Psalm 14 and Psalm 53. It is Psalms 13, and 52 according to the Douay-Rheims numbering.

In other words, people are sinful from head to toe—they use all their faculties to commit sin, which is why in the old rite of extreme unction, now called the Anointing of the Sick, the priest anoints the sick person from “head to toe”—anointing the five senses with the words, “By this holy anointing and His most loving mercy may the Lord forgive you whatever wrong you have done through sight...through hearing...through the sense of smell...through taste and speech...through the sense of touch...through the power to walk. Amen.”

We are all sinners. St. Faustina once said to the Lord that she had offered everything to Him and that she had nothing more that she could offer Him. In reply the Lord said this to her: “My daughter, you have not offered Me that which is *really* yours” (Diary 1318). She did not know what she had not yet given to the Lord so He told her: “Daughter, give Me your misery, because it is your exclusive property.” We own our misery in its entirety. We have absolute ownership of our sinfulness, our weakness, our inability to undo any of

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 15, 2022

6:30 a.m. – Fr. John Bustamante (L)
 9:30 a.m. - People of the Parish
 12:00 p.m. –Michael Powell & Family (L)
 7:00 p.m. –Lawrence Graziosi (D)

Tuesday, - August 16, 2022

7:30 a.m. – Dan Goodnow (L)

Wednesday, - August 17, 2022

7:30 a.m. – Michael Powell & Family (L)

Thursday August 18, 2022

7:30 a.m.–Stanislaus Smigielski (D)

Friday, - August 19, 2022

7:30 a.m. – Augie Anetrini (D)

Saturday, -August 20, 2022

7:30 a.m. - The Faithful Departed in the Grotto Cemetery

4:00 p.m. – Calabrese Family (L&D)

Sunday, August 21, 2022

6:30 a.m. – Powell Family (L)

9:30 a.m. - People of the Parish

12:00 p.m. – Jason Greenwell (D)

Holy Father’s Intention for August:

For Small Businesses

“We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.”

Prayer for Pope Francis

Almighty and everlasting God, have mercy upon Thy servant, Pope Francis, our Supreme Pontiff, and direct him, according to Thy loving kindness, in the way of eternal salvation; that, of Thy gift, he may ever desire that which is pleasing unto Thee and may accomplish it with all his might. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen. (recite 1 Our Father & 1 Hail Mary).

Mass Servers

Saturday, August 20, 2022

4:00 p.m. D. Bastuba, J. Cline

Sunday, August 21, 2022

6:30 a.m. S. Noji, M. Grado
 9:30 a.m. K. Garavaglia, M. Grado, I. Charrette, A. Bustamante, C. Bueche
 12:00 p.m. A. & W. Remski, G. & G. Welsing, J. & D. Berch

Readings for the week of August 14, 2022

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

Monday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

ASSUMPTION (GROTTO) PARISH

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SUNDAY MASSES: Saturdays at 4:00; Sundays at 6:30, 9:30 (Tridentine), & Noon

HOLY DAY MASSES: 6:30, 9:30 (Tridentine), Noon & evening at 7:00 p.m.

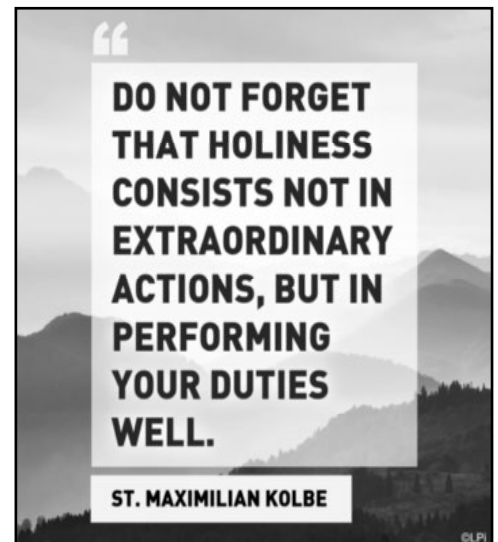
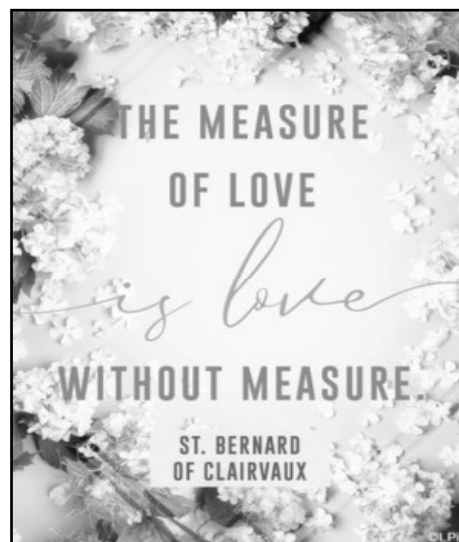
WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m. (all Tridentine).

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 2:30-3:30, Sunday 9:00 & 11:30 a.m.

BAPTISMS: Every Saturday after the 4:00 p.m. Mass or Sunday after the Noon Mass. Arrange at the Rectory Office.

BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS: After the Noon Mass on the first Sunday of the month.

REGISTRATION: Visit the Rectory or call for a form to be sent out to you.



A Vicarious Descant (continued)

our offenses against our Lord on our own. Nobody can claim any ownership of this. It is entirely ours.

When Our Lord said this to St. Faustina, she wrote: “At that moment, a ray of light illumined my soul, and I saw the whole abyss of my misery. In that same moment I [drew close] to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus with so much trust that even if I had the sins of all the damned weighing on my conscience, I would not have doubted God’s mercy, but with a heart crushed to dust, I would have thrown myself into the abyss of Your mercy. I believe, O Jesus, that You would not reject me, but would absolve me through the hand of Your representative” (1318). She speaks of the “Tribunal of Mercy:” Confession.

When you are tempted to stand before God as a Pharisee, instead, follow the example of the Publican and beg the Lord for His Divine Mercy. When we look around and see prominent people in high offices of the Church and State and lament the decisions they make, then respond by not so much as lifting your eyes to heaven, but instead, striking your breast in a petition of perfect contrition and asking God for His mercy upon you and those in most need of His mercy. We may be among “those in most need of His mercy” far more often than we know. When you find yourself singled out by others for criticism for your failures and shortcomings, or for the failures and shortcomings of those who share some of your views on various issues of the day, say nothing and beg the Lord for his mercy.

What is different between those two nearly identical Psalms in the Bible? It comes at the end of both Psalms: the first one focuses on God’s deliverance of the righteous while the second speaks of the punishment of the wicked. The Pharisee could have recited the first Psalm, Psalm 14, and it would have applied to the Publican. The Publican could have recited nearly the same Psalm, Psalm 53

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We must displace more and more of what offends God or does not directly honor God, with what is pleasing to God: prayer, sacrifice, mortification, daily picking up our cross and following after him. Seeing all the disappointments as small trials that God has allowed for the salvation of your soul.

Tomorrow is our Patronal Feast Day. Let us make much reparation for sins against the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Let us ask our Blessed Mother to intercede for us as we make our petition of mercy to her Divine Son. We should have absolute certitude and confidence that such a petition will be most generously and fully answered.

Prayer for Holy Church

Prayer cards for the Prayer for the Holy Church in Times of Need from *Opus Angelorum* can be found on the side tables of the church on Sunday, August 14.

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Marian Ohio Pilgrimage

On Thursday & Friday, September 8-9, for two days & one night, you are welcome to join *Prayer Pilgrimages* as we plan to tour/visit Maria Stein's Shrine of

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New Banners for Our Lady

We need volunteers to assist in making new Banners to honor our Lady. Some of our older banners are worn and in need of replacement. This is a wonderful gift to our Blessed Mother. Banners may be made using any title from the Litany of Loretto. For more information, or to volunteer, please call the Rectory.

Seven Sisters Apostolate

On the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, our four parish Seven Sisters Groups renewed their commitments to pray one Holy Hour a week for Archbishop Vigneron, Fr. Perrone, Fr. Bustamante and Fr Aiden Logan. Please see the new flyers on the side table for more information on the Eucharistic spirituality of the Apostolate. If God is calling you to help our Archbishop or priests by making a weekly Holy Hour for them, please call the Rectory.

Gardening Volunteers

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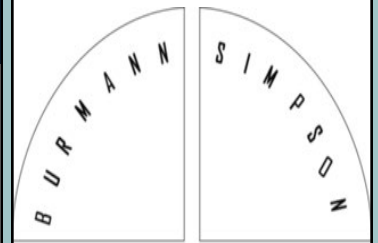
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DIANE M. KORZENIEWSKI

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