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Thursday, December 15, Raymond Arroyo used Cardinal Raymond Burke on the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) to attack Pope Francis, without rebuttal. The Dean of the Roman Rota, Archbishop Pio Vito Pinto, the Vatican's top canonical court overseeing marriage, is issuing an ominous warning to Cardinal Burke that he may be stripped of his cardinalate for allegedly causing "grave scandal." The Pope came out later, Tuesday, November 29, to say he had no such intentions.¹ The problem is with the apostolic exhortation, "Amoris Laetitia," that permits divorced and remarried people to receive the sacraments under certain circumstances.

Readings for 14ABC, Christmas Mass at Midnight, begin with "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light" (Isaiah 9:1), that light includes compassion for those who need the help of the sacraments to remain in the Church. The sacraments are for sinners, not Saints. Circumstances make a difference. The pope points out things are not always black and white, but sometimes have shades of color. "Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11) seems to be about saving the Church for those involved in mismatched, divorced and remarried, marriages. If the couple confers the sacrament on themselves, the couple might also remove the sacrament in a similar way. Titus 2:14 explains, "Jesus Christ, who have himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good." "There was no room for them in the inn" (Luke 2:7). There ought to be circumstances in which the divorced and remarried can find sacramental room in the Church.

One of the continuing problems is the 1990 imposition of censure on the administration of The (Pontifical) Catholic University of America for refusing to give a hearing to professors before firing them. Cardinal Burke is one of the trustees of that University. There is plenty about which to pray this Christmas Season.

Readings

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| First Reading: | Isaiah 9:1-6 |
| Psalm: | Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Luke 2:11) |
| Second Reading: | Titus 2:11-14 |
| Alleluia: | Luke 2:10-11 |
| Gospel: | Luke 2:1-14 |

Annotated Bibliography

¹ <http://www.churchmilitant.com/news/article/head-of-vatican-court-cdl.-burke-could-be-stripped-of-red-hat> (accessed Sunday, December 18, 2016).

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Musings above the solid line draw from material below. Those disinterested in scholarly and tangential details should stop reading here. If they do, however, they may miss some interesting prayer-provoking details.

Isaiah 9:1-6

Isaiah 9:1-2

Nikolaus Selnecker (1530-1592)²

Isaiah 9:1

Andrew Abernethy, review of Abraham Sung-Ho Oh, Oh, That You Would Rend the Heavens and Come Down: The Eschatological Theology of Third Isaiah (Isaiah 56—66)³

Abernathy reports that “repeated references to ‘eschatology’ as the unifier of IT’s (Trito-Isaiah) is slightly confusing, for the term refers more to a genre or an outlook than to anything specifically theological.” Abernathy juxtaposes eschatology with messianism as somewhat incompatible. Eschatology is a branch of philosophy or theology concerned with the final events in the history of the world or of humankind.

Isaiah 9:3

Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel⁴

Isaiah 9:5

Kevin W. Irwin, The Sacraments: Historical Foundations and Liturgical Theology⁵

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⁵ (New York: Paulist Press, 2016) 199.

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Isaiah 9:6

Frank J. Matera, The Sermon on the Mount: The Perfect Measure of the Christian Life⁶

Isaiah 9:5-6

Joseph G. Mueller, S.J., "Christian and Jewish Tradition behind Tyconius's Doctrine of the church as Corpus Bipertitum"⁷

Isaiah 9:5

H.G.M. Williamson, review of Christophe Rico, La mère de l'Enfant-Roi, Isaïe 7, 14 "Almâ" et "Parthenos" dans l'univers biblique. Un point de vue⁸

Isaiah 9:6⁹

Selnecker

Martin Luther (1483-1546)

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⁷ Theological Studies, Vol. 73, No. 2 (June 2012) 309.

⁸ the Catholic Biblical Quarterly, Vol. 76, No. 2 (April 2014) 339.

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Isaiah 9:6¹⁰

Menno Simmons (c. 1496-1561)

Lucas Osiander (1534-1604)

Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Luke 2:11)

Psalm 96:1-2

Katharina Schütz Zell, "Forward to Her Edition of the *Hymnbook of the Bohemian Brethren*, 1534"¹¹

Titus 2:11-14

Titus 2:11-14

Psalm 96:12

Gianni Barbiero, "Psalm 132: A Prayer of `Solomon'"¹²

Heinrich Bullinger (1504-1575)¹³

Titus 2:11-14

Rudolf Gwalther (1519-1586)¹⁴

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¹¹ In Scott H. Hendrix, ed. and trans., Early Protestant Spirituality (New York, Mahwah: Paulist Press, 2009) 191.

¹² the Catholic Biblical Quarterly, Vol. 75, No. 2 (April 2013), 248.

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Titus 2:11-12

Urbanus Rhegius, "A Guide to Preaching about the Chief topics of Christian Doctrine Carefully and without Giving Offense, for Young Ministers of the Word in the Duchy of Lüneburg, 1535"¹⁵

Titus 2:11

Luther¹⁶

Titus 2:13

Dirk Philips(1504-1568)¹⁷

Titus 2:14

Benjamin J. Lappenga, "Zealots for Good Works': The Polemical Repercussions of the Word ζηλωτης in Titus 2:14"¹⁸

Herman J. Selderhuis (ed.), (Downers Grove, Illinois: IVP Academic: An imprint of InterVarsity Press, 2015, ISBN 978 0 8308-2957-6 (hardcover : alk. paper), P 1, Y 15) 113, fn. 5.

¹⁵ In Scott H. Hendrix, ed. and trans., Early Protestant Spirituality (New York, Mahwah: Paulist Press, 2009) 85.

¹⁶ in Reformation Commentary on Scripture: New Testament VIII: Romans 9—16, Timothy George (ed.), general editor; Scot M. Manetsch, Associate General editor; Philip D. W. Krey and Peter D. S. Krey (ed.), (Downers Grove, Illinois: IVP Academic: An imprint of InterVarsity Press, 2016, ISBN 978 0 8308-2971-2, P 1, Y 16) 170, fn. 16.

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Titus 2:11-14

Christiaan Jacobs-Vandegheer, "The Unity of Salvation: Divine Missions, the Church, and World Religions"¹⁹

Titus 2:11-14

Annette Bourland Huizenga, review of Robert W. Wall with Richard B. Steele, 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus²⁰

Luke 2:10-11

Luke 2:1-14

Luke 2:1-20

Andrés García Serrano, "Anna's Characterization in Luke 2:36-38: A Case of Conceptual Allusion?"²¹

Luke 2:1-14²²

Luther

Hugh Latimer (c. 1485-1555)

The English Annotations (1645, 1651, 1657)

Luther

Edwin Sandys (1519-1588)

¹⁹ Theological Studies, Vol. 75, No. 2 (June 2014) 262.

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Augustin Marlorat (c. 1506-1562)

Bullinger

Luther

Heinrich Salmuth (1522-1576)

Latimer

Martin Bucer (1491-1551)

Luke 2:1-7

Vincent A. Pizzuto, "The Structural Elegance of Mathew 1—2: A Chiastic Proposal"²³

Luke 2:1-7

Peter C. Phan, "Deus Migrator—God the Migrant: Migration of Theology and Theology of Migration"²⁴

Luke 2:1-7

Bullinger²⁵

Luke 2:1

Brenz²⁶

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Luke 2:7

Luther²⁷

Luke 2:7

Kevin W. Irwin, The Sacraments: Historical Foundations and Liturgical Theology²⁸

Luke 2:8-20

Johannes Bugenhagen (1485-1558)²⁹

Luke 2:8-20

Ulrich Zwingli, "the Clarity and Certainty of the Word of God, 1522"³⁰

Manetsch (ed.), (Downers Grove, Illinois: IVP Academic: An imprint of InterVarsity Press, 2014, ISBN 978 0 8308-2967-5 (hardcover : alk. paper), P 1, Y 14) 23, fn. 42.

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Luke 2:8-12

Brenz³¹

Luke 2:10-12, 28-32

Gwalther³²

Luke 2:10

Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel³³

Luke 2:11

Stephen Finlan, review of Richard B. Hays, Reading Backwards: Figural Christology and the Fourfold Gospel Witness³⁴

Luke 2:11

Beth Kreitzer (2015 InterVarsity Press editor)³⁵

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Luke 2:11

Huldrych Zwingli (1484-1531)³⁶

Luke 2:12

Daniel B. Wallace, With Scripture, Subject, and Greek Word Indexes: Greek Grammar: Beyond the Basics: An Exegetical Syntax of the New Testament³⁷

Luke 2:13

Johannes Piscator (1546-1625)³⁸

Luke 2:14

Martin Luther, "A Sermon on the Holy and Noblest Sacrament of Baptism, 1519"³⁹

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The Responsorial Antiphon for this Sunday is [Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord](#) (Luke 2:11).⁴⁰

In the gobbledygook prayer at Sunday Mass immediately following the forgiveness of sins, the Faithful hearing the 2011 Roman Missal can listen for “this most sacred night radiant with the splendor of the true light.”⁴¹ For a more thorough examination of the illiterate 2011 Roman Missal, go to 1610 Missal: Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 121125.pdf/htm at <http://www.western-civilization.com/CBQ/Personal%20Notes/Personal%20Notes.htm>.

This is a call for grace that some Black Baptists bring to mind with [For unto you is born this day in the city of Davis a Saviour \[sic\] , which is Christ the Lord](#) (Luke 2:11).⁴²

Addenda

Personal Notes has been wary of Raymond Arroyo, host of “the World Over, on the Eternal Word Television Network, EWTN, attacking Pope Francis. Personal Notes has watched for various Papal policies, like anything possibly construed as positive for Democrats, that Arroyo might systematically attack. Nothing seemed to fall into place until a better realization of what the “Papal Posse,” with Robert Royal, a journalist, and Father Gerald Murray, a canon lawyer, means. The Posse is out to find and attack Pope Francis, and this on a Catholic network. This fell into place at the program

⁴⁰ National Conference of Catholic Bishops, The Roman Missal Restored by Decree of the Second Ecumenical Council of the Vatican and Promulgated by Authority of Pope Paul VI: Lectionary for Mass: For Use in the Dioceses of the United States of America: Second Typical Edition: Volume I: Sundays, Solemnities, Feasts of the Lord and the Saints (Collegeville, Minnesota: The Liturgical Press, 1988) 75. Personal Notes refers to this book as the Lectionary.

⁴¹ n.a., The Roman Missal: Renewed by Decree of the Most Holy Second Ecumenical Council of the Vatican, Promulgated by Authority of Pope Paul VI and Revised at the Direction of Pope John Paul II: English Translation According to the Third Typical Edition: For Use in the Dioceses of the United States of America: Approved by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Confirmed by the Apostolic See (Washington, DC, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2011) 172.. Personal Notes refers to this book as the Missal.

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Thursday, June 25, 2016. EWTN represents the stand of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB). LeBron James, for one, is objecting to basketball New York Knicks basketball President Phil Jackson for using the word “posse” to describe business partners of LeBron James.⁴³

I have already read every article cited in the Catholic Biblical Quarterly. At this stage I only read unread book reviews there. Traditionally Theological Studies articles have been more helpful to my prayer life, but, if I have already read the article, I will cite it without annotation. I offer the Reformation Commentary on Scripture in a similar way.

I intend to begin catching up on material postponed while recovering from the transition of ourselves from Virginia to Ohio and Marty into the next life. If I ever get three months out, again, I then intend to reevaluate the amount of energy placed into Personal Notes each week. I would like to get to the Western Reserve Historical Society to set up the index to the research on Black Cleveland I left there. As of right now, Sunday, December 18, 2016, I am two days behind a Thursday deadline for the following Sunday.

⁴³ <http://nypost.com/2016/11/16/phil-jacksons-subtle-response-to-lebron-james-in-posse-feud/> (accessed November 28, 2016).