

Baptist Urban Ministries, Incorporated, quotes Philippians 1:18 as the Papacy never would. "What then? Notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence [sic], or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice."¹ The Papacy wants a uniformity that is meaningless to others.

The point is to rejoice not only when unworthy preachers preach the Word, but also when non-Western cultures and civilizations speak out. Personal Notes has just finished a year-long diatribe against the Papal imposition of the illiterate 2011 Missal upon the Roman Catholic Faithful in the United States. Like Philippians and the Urban Ministries, Personal Notes rejoices that the Papacy preaches the Word, even if with that 2011 illiterate Missal.

Readings

First Reading:	Isaiah 60:1-6
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (cf. 11)
Second Reading:	Ephesians 3:2-3 a, 5-6
Alleluia:	Matthew 2:2
Gospel:	Matthew 2:1-12

Annotated Bibliography

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

Personal Notes spent a year, Cycle B, 2011-2012, establishing what the Papacy has done to the illiterate 2011 Missal, used each Sunday. The concluding polished comments are at Reading 1610 Missal: The Last Sunday in Ordinary Time, available both at www.western-civilization.com/CBQ/Personal%20Notes and <http://www.jamesriverjournal.net/>. Lifting up its heart to the Lord, Personal Notes is finished with its systematic effort to unscramble the Papal mess caused by mistranslation.

Isaiah 60:1-6

¹ UMI Annual Commentary 2012-2013: Precepts for Living: Based on the International Uniform Lessons, Vincent E. Bacote, Ph.D., (ed.) (Chicago, IL 60643: UMI (Urban Ministries, Inc.), 2012) 224.

Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (cf. 11)

Psalm 72:1

F. Gerald Downing, "Justification as Acquittal? A Critical Examination of Judicial Verdicts in Paul's Literary and Actual Contexts"²

Downing argues that modern Westerners incorrectly identify justification with acquittal in Biblical texts. Downing argues that the king can do as he wants, justifying whom he wants "—still without acquitting them of guilt, or of charges that are or could justly be bought them."

Psalm 72:12

Clifford M. Yeary, Pilgrim People: A Scriptural Commentary³

The verse is that God *shall rescue the poor . . . and the afflicted*. This is a Psalmist warning unjust rulers.

Psalm 72:12-14

Brian Irwin, "Amos 4:1 and the Cows of Bashan on Mount Samaria: A Reappraisal"⁴

For those who lacked families in Near Eastern monarchies, life was perilous. This was true for orphans, widows, and refugees from abroad. God and his King furnished protection for those who fell outside protections from the patriarchal family unit. Those of low socio-economic status in the United States and world-wide need such protection. That is the prayer for this Sunday, especially for those trying to learn standard American English as the Papacy forces them to pray with the illiterate 2011 Missal.

Ephesians 3:2-3 a, 5-6

Matthew 2:2

² Catholic Biblical Quarterly, Vol. 74, No. 2 (September 2012) 311. The quotation is on page 318.

³ Collegeville, Minnesota: Liturgical Press, 2010, 23.

⁴ Catholic Biblical Quarterly, Vol. 74, No. 2 (September 2012) 243.

Matthew 2:1-12

Matt 2:9-10

Vincent P. Branick, review of Robert H. Gundry, Commentary on the New Testament: Verse-by-Verse Explanations with a Literation Translation⁵

The verse is about the Magi *overjoyed at seeing the star*. Branick explains,

Gundry is particularly good at pointing out underlying themes. For instance, he ties the redundant reference to the joy of the magi (Matt 2:9-10) to the disciples' joy under persecution (5:10-12), in gaining the kingdom (13:44), in their eternal reward (24:21, 23), and in discovering the resurrection of Jesus (28:8-9).

For more on sources see the Appendix file. Personal Notes are on the web site at www.western-civilization.com/CBQ/Personal%20Notes. This is my eleventh time through these readings. There is always something new and different. The idea of *manifestation to the Gentiles* always seems pertinent to Black Catholics.

⁵ Catholic Biblical Quarterly, Vol. 74, No. 1 (September 2012) 152.