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On June 22, 2012, a jury convicted Monsignor William J. Lynn, the former secretary for clergy in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia of child endangerment associated with the sexual abuse cover up by Cardinal Anthony J. Bevilacqua. Bevilacqua died shortly before the Lynn trial.¹ A month later, on July 24, a judge sentenced Lynn to at least three years in prison before parole.² The Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests said, "Considering all the kids whose innocence was shattered (or, in some whose lives were lost to suicide), we believe that Msgr. Lynn deserved the harshest punishment. Still, this sentence sends a powerful message: cover-up child sex crimes and you'll go to jail."

On December 26, 2013 a panel of three state Superior Judges released Lynn, whom Philadelphia Common Pleas Court Judge M. Teresa Sarmina, immediately placed under house arrest. Sarmina was the original trial judge. That house arrest lasted until April 27, 2015, when the State Supreme Court reversed the Superior Court. Three days later, Lynn as back in jail. That lasted until December 21, 2015, when the Superior Court vacated the conviction. The State Correctional Institute in Waymart, Pennsylvania had not announced when it would release Lynn from prison and his duties as the prison librarian.³

The Epiphany is an important celebration for Gentiles. "O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; he shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment" (Psalm 72:1-2), from Worship of the Word Readng 20ABC for the Epiphany of the Lord.⁴

¹ Brian Roewe, "Guilty verdict in Philadelphia a first in sex abuse cases," <http://ncronline.org/print/news/people/guilty-verdict-philadelphia-first-sex-abuse-cases> (accessed June 23, 2012).

² Brian Roewe, "Philadelphia priest guilty of child endangerment to serve up to six years in prison," <http://ncronline.org/print/news/lynn-serve-six-years-prison> (accessed July 24, 2012).

³ <http://ncronline.org/news/accountability/appeals-court-vacates-philadelphia-monsignors-conviction-orders-new-trial#comment-2424375079> (accessed December 22, 2015).

⁴ 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) 119. Personal Notes refers to this book as the Lectionary.

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

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

Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah 60:1-2, 5-6

Burkard M. Zapff, review of Sandra Labouvie, Gottesknecht und neuer David: Der Heilsmittler für Zion und sine Frohbotschaft nach Jesaja 60-62⁵

Isaiah 60:2

Nikolaus Selnecker (1530-1592),⁶ “The Whole Psalter”

Selnecker draws upon *See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines and over you appears his glory* to write,

Christ lifts them (the Faithful) up so that they are no longer in darkness, in death and terror; instead, they live, they rejoice or, as Christ tells his believers and all his Christians until the end of the world: “your hearts will live through me; I am your life and grant you life in eternity.

Isaiah 60:4

Paul V. Niskanen, “Who Is Going to Marry You? The Text of Isaiah 62:5”⁷

⁵ the Catholic Biblical Quarterly, Vol. 77 No. 1 (January 2015) 144.

⁶ in Reformation Commentary on Scripture: Old Testament VII: Psalms 1—72, Timothy George (ed.), general editor, Scot M. Manetsch, Associate General editor, 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) 477.

⁷ the Catholic Biblical Quarterly, Vol. 77, No. 4 (October 2015) 659, 664.

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

Psalm 72:2

Martin Luther (1483-1546),⁸ “First Psalms Lectures (1513-1515)”

Luther ruminates, “All Christians are poor (*afflicted ones*), according to Psalm 72, for only the poor have the gospel preached to them.”

Psalm 72:7

Philipp Melanchthon (1497-1560),⁹ “Commentary on John 12:34”

Psalm 72:8

Justus Jonas (1493-1555),¹⁰ “Annotations on Acts 1:8”

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2:2

Matthew 2:1-12

⁸ in Reformation Commentary on Scripture: Old Testament VII: Psalms 1—72, Timothy George (ed.), general editor, Scot M. Manetsch, Associate General editor, 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) 320.

⁹ in Reformation Commentary on Scripture: New Testament IV: John 1—12, Craig S. Farmer (ed.), general editor, Timothy George, Associate General editor, Scott M. 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.) 465.

¹⁰ in Reformation Commentary on Scripture: New Testament VI: Acts, Esther Chung-Kim and Todd R. Hains (eds.), general editor, Timothy George, associate General editor, Scott M. Manetsch, (Downers Grove, Illinois: IVP Academic: An imprint of InterVarsity Press, 2014: ISBN 978-0-8308-2969-9 (*print*) P 1 Y 14) 9.

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Matthew 2:1-12

“Encyclical Letter *Lumen Fidei* of the Supreme Pontiff Francis to the Bishops, Priests, and deacons [sic] and lay Faithful on Faith”¹¹

Matthew 2:4-6

Caspar Schwenckfeld,¹² “A Letter of Caspar Schwenckfeld concerning the Course of the Word of God, March 4, 1527”

Matthew 2:5

Wolfgang Musculus (1497-1563),¹³ “Commentary on John 7:27”

Between November 25, 2011 and November 25, 2012, Personal Notes systematically examined the illiterate 2011 Missal. On April 7, 2013, with Reading 045C 2nd Sunday of Easter_A Catholic Bible Study 130407, Personal Notes systematically began to incorporate material from A Commentary on the Order of Mass of *The Roman Missal: A New English Translation: Developed under the Auspices of the Catholic Academy of Liturgy*, Edward Foley (ed.) (Collegeville, Minnesota: Liturgical Press, 2011). The hope is that this approach will help pray with the new Missal, despite itself.

As, on June 23, 2015, I prepared Reading 110B for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary time for July 26, I decided to begin reading unread book reviews and articles from Theological Studies for two reasons. The first is I have already read every article cited in the Catholic Biblical Quarterly. The second is that traditionally Theological Studies articles have been more helpful to my prayer life. I also began reading unread book reviews in the Biblical Quarterly.

On December 22, 2015, as I prepared Reading 020C for the Epiphany, I began reading unread material in the Reformation Commentary on Scripture. I had a lot of catching up to do in the Psalms and Luke. On December 22, I had regained the two week lead needed for others to use the Notes in time for the forthcoming Sunday. Should I ever again get a three month lead, I will return to annotating everything.

¹¹ L'Osservatore Romano: Weekly Edition in English, Vol. 46, No. 28 (2013), Vatican City Wednesday, 10 July, paragraph 35, page 17/23.

¹² In Scott H. Hendrix, ed. and trans., Early Protestant Spirituality (New York, Mahwah: Paulist Press, 2009) 53.

¹³ in Reformation Commentary on Scripture: New Testament IV: John 1—12, Craig S. Farmer (ed.), general editor, Timothy George, Associate General editor, Scott M. 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.) 274.

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For more on sources see the Appendix file. A complete set of Personal Notes, dating from the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 14, 2002 to the present, is on the web site at www.western-civilization.com/CBQ/Personal%20Notes.

The Responsorial Antiphon for this Sunday is *Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.*¹⁴

In the gobbledygook prayer at Sunday Mass immediately following mention of forgiven sins, the Faithful hearing the 2011 Roman Missal can listen for “we who know you already by faith.”¹⁵ For a more thorough consideration of the 2011 Illiterate Roman Missal, go to 0200 Missal Epiphany_A Catholic Bible Study 120108.docx.

This is a call for grace that some Black Baptists call to mind with *And he went in also unto Rachel, and he loved also Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven other years* (Genesis 29:30).¹⁶ Human sexuality is under the purview of God, even with horrific abuses.

¹⁴ 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) 119. Personal Notes refers to this book as the Lectionary.

¹⁵ 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) 188. Personal Notes refers to this book as the Missal.

¹⁶ UMI Annual Sunday School Lesson Commentary: Precepts for Living ®: 2013-2014: International Sunday School Lessons: Volume 165: UMI (Urban Ministries, Inc.), a. Okechuku Ogbonnaya, Ph.D., (ed.) (Chicago, IL 60643: UMI (Urban Ministries, Inc.), 2013) .