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Besides understanding the Church as an aid helping the Faithful find God, the Church can also be understood as a type of aid helping God find the Faithful, whether Christian or not. This means that the Faithful need to be careful not to get in the way of God, as God looks out for the salvation of souls. This notion is developed in the article by [Christiaan Jacobs-Vandegeer, "The Unity of Salvation: Divine Missions, the Church, and World Religions,"](#) cited below.

Along this line, the First Reading, "We now turn to the Gentiles" (Acts 13:46); "Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands" (Psalm 100:2); "No one can take them out of my hand (John 10:28).

Readings

First Reading:	Acts 13:14, 43-52
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)
Second Reading:	Revelation 7:9, 14b-17
Alleluia:	John 10:14
Gospel:	John 10:27-30

Annotated Bibliography

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.

Acts 13:14, 43-52

[Acts 13:14, 52](#)

[Martin C. Albl, review of Simon David Buttica, L'identité de l'église dans les Acts des Apôtres: De la restauration d'Israël à la conquête universelle¹](#)

[Acts 13:41](#)

[Karl Allen Kuhn, "Deaf or Defiant? The Literary, Cultural, and Affective-Rhetorical Keys to the Naming of John \(Luke 1:57-80\)"²](#)

Acts 13:46

¹ [the Catholic Biblical Quarterly](#), Vol. [75](#), No. [4](#) (October [2013](#)) [790](#).

² [the Catholic Biblical Quarterly](#), Vol. [75](#), No. [3](#) (July [2013](#)) [486](#).

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John Calvin (1509-1564), "Commentary on Acts 13:46"³

Acts 13:47

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Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel⁷

Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)

14. *Funerals for Baptized Children* uses this reading.⁸

Psalm 100:5

St. Thérèse of Lisieux, The Story of a Soul: A New Translation⁹

Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

Revelation 7:9-12

Katharina Schütz Zell, "Foreword to Her Edition of the *Hymnbook of the Bohemian Brethren*, 1534"¹⁰

Rev 7:9

Erin Vearncombe, "Cloaks, Conflict, and Mark 51-52"¹¹

Revelation 7:9

⁷ Erlanger, Kentucky: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, DynamicCatholic.com, 2014, 10.

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John Boys (1571-1625), "The Second Sunday after Trinity"¹²

Revelation 7:14-17

Dirk Philips (1504-1568), "The Enchiridion: Concerning the True Knowledge of Jesus Christ"¹³

Philips breathes hell-fire and brimstone against those who turn away from God.

Rev 7:13-17

Edward Bode, review of Carlo Manunza, L'Apocalisse come "actio liturgica" christiana: Studio esegetico-teologico di Ap 1,9-16; 3,14-22, 13,9-10, 19,1-8¹⁴

Rev 7:14

Stephen Finlan, review of Christian A. Eberhart, The Sacrifice of Jesus: Understanding Atonement Biblically¹⁵

John 10:14

John 10:27-30

John 10:25-29

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Wolfgang Musculus (1497-1563), "Commentary on the Psalms"¹⁶

"Therefore not only on those who manifestly are impious and exercise an open tyranny but also in false prophets, false priests, hypocrites and heretics, in whom he (the devil) lurks as if in a certain lair, he must be feared and taken heed to with the greatest diligence."

John 10:27

Daniel B. Wallace, With Scripture, Subject, and Greek Word Indexes: Greek Grammar: Beyond the Basics: An Exegetical Syntax of the New Testament¹⁷

John 10:27¹⁸

Rudolf Gwalther (1519-1586), "Homily 9, Acts 1:23-26"

Johann Spangenberg (1484-1550), "Brief Exegesis of Acts 15"

John 10:28

Martin Luther (1483-1546), Exegesis of Psalm 23 at Table (1536)¹⁹

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John 10:28-29

Formula of Concord (1577), "Article II, Election"²⁰

John 10:28

Christiaan Jacobs-Vandegeer, "The Unity of Salvation: Divine Missions, the Church, and World Religions"²¹

Jacobs-Vandegeer begins "First and foremost, then, (1 salvation begins with the divine initiative, given by the Father, won for us by Christ, and received through the Holy Spirit (Jn 10:28-29; Gal 4:6)"

John 10:30

Balthasar Hubmaier (1480/5-1528 changed from 1480/2 in Vol. 10
1480/5 in Vol. 4), "On the Sword"²²

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 [We are his people, the sheep of his flock](#) (Psalm 100:3c).²³

²⁰ 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)187.

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In the gobbledygook prayer at Sunday Mass immediately following the forgiveness of sins, the Faithful hearing the 2011 Roman Missal can listen for “the joys of heaven.”²⁴ 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 [Then they went out to see what was done; and came to Jesus, and found the man, out of whom the devils were departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind and they were afraid](#)” (Luke 8:35).²⁵

Addenda

Raymond Arroyo, “The World Over,” on EWTN uses fear-mongering, rather than the Joy of the Gospel to entrance its viewers. In the past, Arroyo has responded to my concerns, particularly the Reverend Robert A. Sirico, who rarely appears anymore, with his drivel. Beginning, May 3, 2015, I began pointing out, here, the role fear, rather than joy, has in “The World Over.”

By July 31, 2015, I had identified a pattern of attack on Pope Francis by Arroyo. The attack is on what the Pope is preaching about climate change and capitalism. In

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) 399. Personal Notes refers to this book as the Lectionary.

²⁴ 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) 411. Personal Notes refers to this book as the Missal.

²⁵ 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) 359-360.

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the United States Republicans have firm opposition to such sermonizing, as the forthcoming campaign for the Republican nomination for President will show . . . or not.

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 and unread sections in Reformation Commentary on Scripture, viz., Luke and Psalms.

As of March 21, 2016, comments for April 17 were ready for Friday, March 25.. Were they handed out then, recipients would have two weeks in which to prepare to discuss the handout Friday, April 15, in time for Sunday Mass, April 17. This means I have caught up. If I ever get three months out, again, I then intend to reevaluate the amount of energy placed into Personal Notes each week.