

## Personal Notes

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This was going to be the only Personal Notes without comment. Writing on the National Catholic Reporter blog, however, the following occurred to me.

The Church may have responsibility for the fifty-percent divorce rate and for young people leaving the Church. Bernie S. Siegel, M.D., Love, Medicine & Miracles: Lessons Learned About self-Healing from a Surgeon's Experience with Exceptional Patients (William Morrow: An Imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, 1990) makes the point that people have unconscious desires and emotions. With that as an assumption, at the Eighth Station of the Cross, Jesus upbraids the weeping women of Jerusalem.

Their sin may have been anger at God for letting the Passion and Cross happen. In an analogous way, spouses may be angry with Holy Mother the Church for denying them sexual pleasure that is not open to reproduction.

If such an anger is at the unconscious level and is projected on the resulting children, the children may then choose to leave the Church in order to be free to enjoy sexual pleasure that is not open to reproduction.

Academic freedom is necessary to figure out if there is any truth in such a scenario. Forbidding Catholic moral theologians from thinking about updating considerations of human sexuality based on experiences of the Faithful, tends to make the RCC hierarchy irrelevant.

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

## **Readings**

First Reading:	Isaiah 8:23-9:3
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14 (1a)
Second Reading:	1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
Alleluia:	Matthew 4:23
Gospel:	Matthew 4:12-23

## **Annotated Bibliography**

### **Isaiah 8:23-9:3**

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Isaiah 9:1

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The English Annotations (1645, 1651, 1657)

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Dickson

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<sup>2</sup> 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) 216-220.

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**Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14 (1a)**

Psalm 27 is one of the readings Funerals uses at a Vigil for the Deceased and in Funerals for Adults.<sup>3</sup> This is a prayer for protection from all danger.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> International Commission on English in the Liturgy: A Joint Commission of Catholic Bishops' Conferences, The Roman Ritual: Revised by Decree of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council and published by Authority of Pope Paul IV: Order of Christian Funerals: Including Appendix 2: Cremation: Approved for use in the Dioceses of the United States of America by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and Confirmed by the Apostolic See (New Jersey: Catholic Book Publishing Co., 1998) 29-30, 224.

<sup>4</sup> Paul R. Raabe, review of David G. Firth, Surrendering Retribution in the Psalms: Responses to Violence in the Individual Complaints, the Catholic Biblical Quarterly, Vol. 69, No. 1 (January 2007) 114.

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## **1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17**

1 Cor 1:10-11

José Enrique Aguilar Chiu, "A Theological Reading of ἐξεπνευσεν in Mark 15:37,39"<sup>7</sup>

1 Corinthians 1:10

Luther, "Preface to German Mass and Order of Service, 1526"<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> the Catholic Biblical Quarterly, Vol. 78, No. 4 (October 2016), 698.

<sup>8</sup> In Scott H. Hendrix, ed. and trans., Early Protestant Spirituality (New York, Mahwah: Paulist Press, 2009) 281.

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1 Cor 1:12

Daniel B. Wallace, With Scripture, Subject, and Greek Word Indexes: Greek Grammar: Beyond the Basics: An Exegetical Syntax of the New Testament<sup>9</sup>

## **Matthew 4:23**

## **Matthew 4:12-23**

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](http://www.western-civilization.com/CBQ/Personal%20Notes).

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In the gobbledygook prayer at Sunday Mass immediately following the Gloria, the Faithful hearing the 2011 Roman Missal can listen for “we may abound in good works.”<sup>10</sup> The Responsorial Antiphon for this Sunday is The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27:1a).<sup>11</sup> Between November 25, 2011 and November 25, 2012, Personal Notes systematically examined the illiterate 2011 Missal. For a more thorough examination of the illiterate 2011 Roman Missal, go to 1610 Missal: Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary

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<sup>9</sup> Grand Rapids: Michigan: Zondervan, 1996, 82, 459

<sup>10</sup> 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) 463. Personal Notes refers to this book as the Missal.

<sup>11</sup> 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) 517. Personal Notes refers to this book as the Lectionary.

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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 ["O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures"](#) (Psalm 104:24)<sup>12</sup>

### Addenda

Due to greater responsiveness at the [National Catholic Reporter](#) blog, beginning with the Fourth Sunday in Lent, Reading 032B, March 15, 2015, my interest began shifting from annotating my index here, to engaging conversation there. I may keep up the Bibliography, but without further comment. Time will tell.

On Wednesday, December 28, 2016, I discovered that my web site, [www.western-civilization.com](http://www.western-civilization.com) was receiving 1000 hits per day, from the United States, most of which were for these readings. That complicates my priorities, priorities that require balancing between developing these Personal Notes, engaging writing on the National Catholic Reporter at <https://www.ncronline.org/blogs/ncr-today>, developing a Cleveland Organizing Branch of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), attending to my archival resources at the Western Reserve Historical Society, and preparing my 1972 dissertation, "Cleveland and the Negro following World War II" for publication at least on the web. I am the founding president of the Hampton Roads, from which the movie "Hidden Figures" arose, meaning that these priorities have potential consequences of note.

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](#). When perusing the [Reformation Commentary on Scripture](#), I sometimes call attention to what I underlined there.

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<sup>12</sup> [UMI Annual Sunday School Lesson Commentary: Precepts for Living ®: 2016-2017: International Sunday School Lessons: Volume 19: UMI \(Urban Ministries, Inc.\), A. Okechuku Ogbonnaya, Ph.D., \(ed.\) \(Chicago, IL 60643: UMI \(Urban Ministries, Inc.\), 2016\) 219-20.](#)