

## Personal Notes

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The sermons I hear on Sundays are more of the Norman Vincent Peale, The Power of Positive Thinking, than of raising people from the dead, or carrying the Cross. Life experience betrays “every day is a great day” Sunday Sermon pabulum. Victims of abuse within natural and extended families gain little needed guidance from such sermons.

God does save the Faithful in real, meaningful terms. Death leaves voids in the heart difficult either to understand or accept in the context of a loving God. That God raises the Faithful from the dead helps and can be the cornerstone of Faith. Death is just something the Faithful, including Jesus the Christ, go through in order to reach the Father. Death, then, can be a cause for glorifying God as the readings intimate.

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## Readings

First Reading:	2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 7, 11 (cf. 5c)
Second Reading:	Galatians 2:16, 19-21
Alleluia:	1 John 4:10b
Gospel:	Luke 7:36—8:3

## 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.

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2 Sam 12:1-15

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2 Samuel 12:7

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**Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 7, 11 (cf. 5c)**

Psalm 32:1-2

Alain Gignac, "The Enunciative Device of Romans 1:18—4:25: A Succession of Discourses Attempting to Express the Multiple Dimensions of God's Justice"<sup>5</sup>

Psalm 32:1

Hieronymus Weller von Molsdorf (1499-1572), "Brief Comment on Psalm 4"<sup>6</sup>

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Psalm 32:5<sup>7</sup>

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Dirk Philips (1504-1568), "The Enchiridion: The Ban"

Psalm 32:5

Caspar Huberinus (1500-1553), "On the Eleventh Sunday After Trinity"<sup>8</sup>

## **Galatians 2:16, 19-21**

Gal 2:15-21

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Gal 2:15-21

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Galatians 2:20

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Gal 2:20

Scott D. Mackie, "The Two Tables of the Law and Paul's Ethical Methodology in 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 and 10:23—11:1"<sup>16</sup>

Gal 2:20

Edward Collins Vacek, S.J., "Discernment Within a Mutual Love Relationship with God: A New Theological Foundation"<sup>17</sup>

Gal 2:15-21

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## **Luke 7:36—8:3**

Luke 7:36-50

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Luke 7:36-50

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Luke 7:36-50

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Luke 7:36-50

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Luke 7:36-38

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Luke 7:36

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Luke 7:39

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Luke 7:39

Brian J. Tabb, "Is the Lucan Jesus a 'Martyr'? A Critical Assessment of a Scholarly Consensus"<sup>27</sup>

Luke 7:39

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Luke 8:2-3

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The Responsorial Antiphon for this Sunday is **I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me** (Psalm 30:2a).<sup>32</sup>

In the gobbledygook prayer at Sunday Mass immediately following the forgiveness of sins, the Faithful hearing the 2011 Roman Missal can listen for "strength of those who hope in you."<sup>33</sup> 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 **Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up[ to the prey: for my**

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determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy (Zephaniah 3:8).<sup>34</sup>

Addenda

By July 31, 2015, I had identified a pattern of attack on Pope Francis by Raymond Arroyo in the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN). The attack is on what the Pope is preaching about climate change and capitalism. In 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 of May 18, 2016, Arroyo continues to tout Republicans and demean Democrats.

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. In a similar way, I present unread sections in Reformation Commentary on Scripture, viz., Psalms and 1-2 Samuel, 1-2 Kings, 1-2 Chronicles,

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.

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