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When I taught the Assumption as part of my Western Civilization course at a secular college and now on the web at www.Western-Civilization.com, my comment was that if they have not found the body of Mary in 2000 years, such a doctrine was a relatively safe bet. Matthew offers a better presentation. His reviewer, John C. Haughey, S.J., concludes,

L. is at pains to show how her [Mary's] assumption is an augur of where all of creation is headed, according to Paul. "The whole created world will be set free from its bondage to decay" (Rom 8:21 [used here]). Mary's bodily assumption is an eloquent piece of evidence indicating that "when the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written, 'Death is swallowed up in victory'" (1 Cor 15:54 [used at reading 84C]). Therefore her destiny prefigures the destiny of all who believe in her son. The author obviously would think it was impoverishing not to have this belief as part of one's faith.

This belief as a dogma of the Catholic faith was not generated by the hierarchy or the papacy. It had its start in the fifth century with the faithful's growing belief that Mary, being "blessed among women," would include the blessing of her bodily assumption into heaven. Over the centuries that belief was continually confirmed by the devotional and liturgical life of the faithful.¹

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 55:10-11
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8)
Second Reading:	Romans 8:18-23
Alleluia:	
Gospel:	Matthew 13:1-23

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Rom 5:18-22

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Matthew 13:1-23

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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 “return to the right path.”¹⁰ The Responsorial Antiphon for this Sunday is [The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest](#) (Luke 8:8).¹¹ 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 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 [Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD](#) (Jeremiah 1:8)¹²

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. Beginning with the

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Second Sunday of Easter, April 23, 2017, my interest began shifting back toward annotating the Catholic Biblical Quarterly.

On Wednesday, December 28, 2016, I discovered that my web site, 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 Branch of ASALH, 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. Beginning with the Second Sunday of Easter, April 23, 2017, I realized the Reformation Commentary on Scripture was doing little for my prayer-life and I began to drift away from the time-consuming details I had been recording. I intend to keep on reading that Commentary, however.