

## Personal Notes

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There is no god besides you who have the care of all, that you need show you have not unjustly condemned (Wisdom 12:13). In other words, *Vanity of vanities and all is vanity* (Ecclesiastes 1:2), used in the Sunday Lectionary at Reading 114C, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. This wisdom literature is pessimistic, suitable for the Trump/EWTN era in which human politics takes precedence over truth. *Love righteousness, you who judge the earth; think of the LORD in goodness, and seek him in integrity of heart; Because he is found by those who do not test him, and manifests himself to those who do not disbelieve him* (Wisdom 1:1-2). The way out is through the Black Apostolate of truth speaking to power, whatever the cost.

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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	Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)
Second Reading:	Romans 8:26-27
Alleluia:	cf. Matthew 11:25
Gospel:	Matthew 13:24-43

## Annotated Bibliography

### Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Wisdom 12:9-14

Edward Mazich, O.S.B., review of Annette Schellenberg, Kohelet<sup>1</sup>

Mazich reports,

. . . the opening two verses—probably the work of the same narrator who appended the summary verse of 12:8, reaffirming the vanity of every human undertaking—are seen as forming an *inclusio* structure for the entire book, together with the broader redactor-added epilogue (12:9-14 (used here)), which attempts to place Qoheleth's thought in a context more acceptable to Israelite piety . . . . a fine commentary . . .

### Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)

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<sup>1</sup> the Catholic Biblical Quarterly, Vol. 77, No 2 (April 2015) 352.

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Psalm 86 is among those used by the Church in Pastoral Care for the Sick<sup>2</sup>

Psalm 86:13

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) 126.

Psalm 86:15

Gili Kugler, "The Threat of Annihilation of Israel in the Desert: An independent Tradition within Two Stories"<sup>3</sup>

## **Romans 8:26-27**

Rom 8:26

in Scott H. Hendrix, ed. and trans., Early Protestant Spirituality (New York, Mahwah: Paulist Press, 2009) 67.

Romans 8:26

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) 65.

## **cf. Matthew 11:25**

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<sup>2</sup> The Roman Ritual: Revised by Decree of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council and Published by Authority of Pope Paul VI: Pastoral Care of the Sick: Rites of Anointing and Viaticum: 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: Prepared by International Commission on English in the Liturgy: a Joint Commission of Catholic Bishops' Conferences (New York: Catholic Book Publishing Co. 1983) 292.

<sup>3</sup> the Catholic Biblical Quarterly, Vol. 78, No. 4 (October 2016) 645.

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**Matthew 13:24-43**

Matthew 13:24-43

Kevin W. Irwin, The Sacraments: Historical Foundations and Liturgical Theology (New York: Paulist Press, 2016) 31,

Matthew 13:24-30, 41-42

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Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

in Reformation Commentary on Scripture: New Testament VIII: Romans 9—16, Timothy George (ed.), general editor; Scot M. Manetsch, Associate General editor; Philip D. W. Krey and Peter D. S. Krey (ed.), (Downers Grove, Illinois: IVP Academic: An imprint of InterVarsity Press, 2016, ISBN 978 0 8308-2971-2, P 1, Y 16) 137, 252.

Matthew 13:24-33

Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel<sup>4</sup>

Matt 13:24-30

Eugene Eung-Chun Park, "Covenantal Nomism and the Gospel of Matthew"<sup>5</sup>

Matt 13:24-30

Richard W. Miller, "Deep Responsibility for the Deep Future"<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> (Erlanger, Kentucky: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, DynamicCatholic.com, 2014) 169, 203.

<sup>5</sup> the Catholic Biblical Quarterly, Vol. 77, No. 4 (October 2015) 679.

<sup>6</sup> Theological Studies, Vol. 77, No. 2 (June 2016) 449.

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Matthew 13:33

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Matt 13:35

T. J. Lang, "We Speak in a Mystery: Neglected Greek Evidence for the Syntax and Sense of 1 Corinthians 2:7"<sup>7</sup>

Matthew 13:36

in Reformation Commentary on Scripture: New Testament III: Luke, Beth Kreitzer (ed.), general editor, Timothy George, associate General editor, Scott M. Manetsch, (Downers Grove, Illinois: IVP Academic: An imprint of InterVarsity Press, 2015: ISBN 978-0-8308-2014 (*hardcover : alk. paper*), P 1, Y 15) 457.

Matthew 13:37

Daniel B. Wallace, With Scripture, Subject, and Greek Word Indexes: Greek Grammar: Beyond the Basics: An Exegetical Syntax of the New Testament<sup>8</sup>

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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<sup>7</sup> the Catholic Biblical Quarterly, Vol. 78, No. 1 (January 2016) 82.

<sup>8</sup> Grand Rapids: Michigan: Zondervan, 1996, 240, 625, 650.

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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 “in the unity of the Holy Spirit.”<sup>9</sup> The Responsorial Antiphon for this Sunday is [Lord, you are good and forgiving](#) (Psalm 86:5a),<sup>10</sup> despite how it may look, from time to time, especially for the Black Apostolate. 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 (11

### Addenda

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<sup>9</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) 477. Personal Notes refers to this book as the Missal.

<sup>10</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) 710. Personal Notes refers to this book as the Lectionary.

<sup>11</sup> 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) .

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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 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](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 Branch of ASALH, from which the movie "Hidden Figures" arose, meaning that these priorities have potential consequences of note.

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 intend to begin pointing out, here, the role fear, rather than joy, has in "The World Over."

By July 31, I had identified a pattern of attack on Pope Francis by Arroyo. The attack is particularly 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 Trump administration will show . . . or not. Trump has stepped out of the Climate-control Paris Accords.

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.