

Personal Notes

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: A Catholic Bible Study Reading 138C, September 25, 2016

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I am entering another personal transition in life as my wife Bette returns from intensive occupational, physical, and language therapy after her stroke, August 21. We are fortunate the damage is as little as it is. Those who do not know Bette, may not realize the changes, but we will.

The knack will be combining patience with prudence as we go about concluding our lives. [Praise the Lord, my soul!](#) (Psalm 146 1b). These reflections are being prepared today is the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virginia Mary, where the Responsorial Antiphon is [With delight I rejoice in the Lord](#) (Isaiah 61:10).

Readings

First Reading	Amos 6:1a, 4-7
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)
Second Reading:	1 Timothy 6:11-16
Alleluia:	cf. 2 Corinthians 8:9
Gospel:	Luke 16:19-31

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.

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)

[Funeral Rites](#) uses this psalm on page 307, one of the “Second Psalms” for Morning Prayer.¹

1 Timothy 6:11-16

¹ N.a., [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) 307.

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1 Timothy 6:11

Daniel B. Wallace, With Scripture, Subject, and Greek Word Indexes: Greek Grammar: Beyond the Basics: An Exegetical Syntax of the New Testament²

1 Timothy 6:12

Viktorin Strigel (1524-1569)³

1 Tim 6:15-16

Annette Bourland Huizenga, review of Robert W. Wall with Richard B. Steele, 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus⁴

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when W. comes to the Pastorals' historically influential instructions for women, slaves, and opponents. These are some of the very passages that many modern readers find offensive, but W. sometimes looks past their literal meaning in order to establish a particular theological point. As one example, in discussing the teachings to wives and slaves to be subordinate to their superiors (Titus 2:5, 9), W. writes, "The social manners of this household . . . reflect roles that take responsibility for the well-being of one another . . ." (p. 383). Here his reasoning does not ponder either the ancient or present-day situation of female or enslaved persons, nor whether well-being was indeed of any concern to husbands or slaveholders.

² Grand Rapids: Michigan: Zondervan, 1996, 58, 69, 525.

³ 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) 66, fn. 12.

⁴ the Catholic Biblical Quarterly, Vol. 77, No. 2 (April 2015) 383.

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1 Timothy 6:16⁵

John Calvin (1509-1564)

Wolfgang Musculus (1497-1563)

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cf. 2 Corinthians 8:9

Luke 16:19-31

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Luke 16:19-31⁷

John Boys (1571-1625)

Johann Spangenberg (1484-1550)

Caspar Huberinus (1500-1553)

John Bunyan (1628-1688)

Kaspar von Schwenckfeld (1489-1561)

Spangenberg

Edwin Sandys (1519-1588)

Philipp Melanchthon (1497-1560)

Martin Bucer (1491-1551)

John Jewel (1522-1571)

Martin Luther (1483-1546)

Bunyan

Richard Taverner (1505-1575)

Schwenckfeld

Bunyan

Luke 16:19-31

Johannes Oecolampadius (1482-1531)⁸

Luke 16:19-25

The Book of Homilies (1547; 1563; 1570)⁹

⁷ 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) 327-333.

⁸ 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) 437, fn. 9.

⁹ 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) 191, fn. 3.

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Luke 16:19-31

James F. Keenan, S.J., "Rising Expectations on Sin"¹⁰

Luke 16:19-20

Larry Goleman, review of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Dietrich Bonhoeffer Works 11. Edited by Victoria J. Barnett, Mark S. Brocker, and Michael B. Lukens. Translated from the German by Anne Schmidt-Lange et al., Ecumenical, Academic, and Pastoral Work, 1931-1932 and Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Edited and introduced by Isabel Best. Translated from the German by Douglas W. Stott et al., The Collected Sermons of Dietrich Bonhoeffer¹¹

Goleman reports, "In his treatment of Lazarus and the rich man (Lk 16:19-0), B. warns that the church has `spiritualized the gospel . . . , lightened it up' by moralizing this parable instead of seeing the `frightening' message of mercy for the poor and judgment of the rich 35-37)."

Luke 16:19

Luther¹²

Luke 16:20

Calvin¹³

¹⁰ Theological Studies, Vol. 77, No. 1 (March 2016) 172.

¹¹ Theological Studies, Vol. 74, No. 3 (September 2013) 725.

¹² 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) 474, fn. 9.

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Luke 16:22

Calvin¹⁴

Luke 16:31

Johannes Bugenhagen (1485-1558)¹⁵

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 [Praise the Lord, my soul!](#) (Psalm 146 1b).¹⁶

In the gobbledygook prayer at Sunday Mass immediately following the forgiveness of sins, the Faithful hearing the 2011 Roman Missal can listen for “manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy.”¹⁷ For a more

¹⁴ 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) 272, fn. 12.

¹⁵ 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) 333, fn. 1.

¹⁶ 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) 865. Personal Notes refers to this book as the Lectionary.

¹⁷ 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

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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 For I the LORD love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them (Isaiah 61:8).¹⁸

Addenda

Personal Notes has been wary of Raymond Arroyo, host of “the World Over, on the Eternal Word Television Network, EWTN. Personal Notes has watched for various Papal policies, like anything possibly construed as positive for Democrats, that Arroyo might systematically attack. This happens week-after-week without any chance of rebuttal even from such outstanding Catholics as Vice President Joe Biden and Vice-Presidential candidate Tim Kaine.

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.

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

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) 486. Personal Notes refers to this book as the Missal.

¹⁸ 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) 41-42.

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) 12-13

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three months out, again, I then intend to reevaluate the amount of energy placed into Personal Notes each week.