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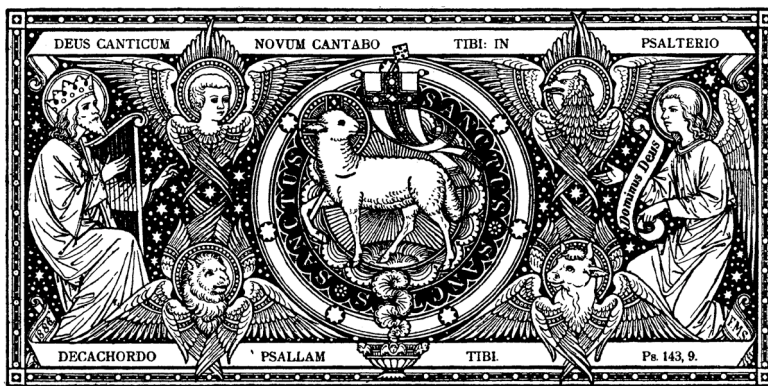
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MINE OWN FAMILIAR FRIEND



ONE of the reasons the early Church took to the Psalms as her first hymnal is that when you read or sing the 150 Psalms, over and over, all of the joys and hopes and sorrows reflected in the Psalms accompany us in our own journey through life. When I read or sing a joyous Psalm on a day I am joyous, that is a marvelous thing. And when I sing a sorrowful Psalm on a day when I am joyous, it is a reminder that someone else at this very moment is grieving and in pain. And that too is a marvelous thing, for it *connects us* at all times in the Body of Christ. Our Lord often took the Psalms as an expression of His Own Soul. And when He was thinking of the betrayal of Judas, Psalm 55 must have

come to Mind. “For it is not an open enemy that hath done me this dishonor; for then I could have borne it. But it was even thou, my companion, my guide, and mine own familiar friend.”

Today’s gospel is from John chapter 13. It is set at the Last Supper. And after washing the disciples’ feet, Our Lord says “the one who ate my food has raised his heel against Me.” Judas had probably in his heart left the Lord a long time earlier. In John’s chapter 6, Jesus had said “did I not choose you, the Twelve, and one of you is a devil?” That was at a time when Our Lord was teaching difficult things, and it is said that “many of His disciples drew back and no longer went about with Him.” That is when Judas should have left! Made a clean break! Then there was a chance that after the Resurrection Judas might have been re-converted: “What a fool I was; now I see things

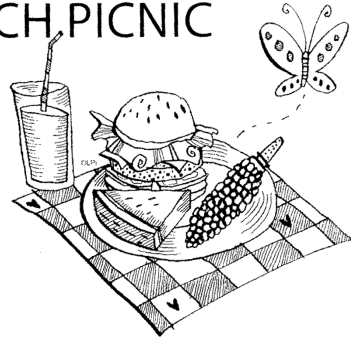
so clearly.” But instead, Judas stayed, and so became *hardened in His heart* against the Lord and His gospel, and in contempt of the other disciples. That is what made reconversion so difficult and so impossible for Judas.

“The one who ate My food has raised his heel against me.” *I* eat the Lord’s food. So it makes me uncomfortable to hear this. It is not the stranger in His ignorance but *those who know* Christ, who possess His truth and life, who can injure the Lord more than anyone else.

The words of Psalm 55 on Christ’s lips are devastating if they could ever be applied to my soul or yours. “We took sweet counsel together, and walked in the house of God as friends.” We may never be the traitor to the extent of Judas. But we who eat the Lord’s food must always realize that we have the greatest capacity to hurt the One we profess to love so much.

¶ A sermon preached by Father Bradford in Saint Theresa of Avila Church on May 6, 2004.

Come to the CHURCH PICNIC



We will have an afternoon cookout at Saint Lawrence Church after Mass on Sunday, July 17th. We will provide hamburgers/hot dogs/buns and soft drinks. Sign up for a dish to pass. You might put a folding chair or two in your trunk to bring with you.

At the end of the afternoon we will have Evensong and Benediction in the church. Rain date is July 31st.

MIRACLE OF LOAVES AND FISH



IN the account of what happened one of the great parts is the gentle (and perhaps *playful*) moment Christ tells His Church to feed these people. “You give them something to eat.” That is something the Church will be doing daily down to this very day and this very Mass. We will give Christ to His people. But there had to be a first time! Or at least, a non-sacramental dry run! And this was it. The disciples were sure they had nothing to give. Christ says, “go on, you do it; you can do it.”

¶ Excerpt from a sermon by Father Bradford on August 3, 2008. *The Miracle Feeding of 5000 is the Sunday Mass Gospel on July 31, 2011.*

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

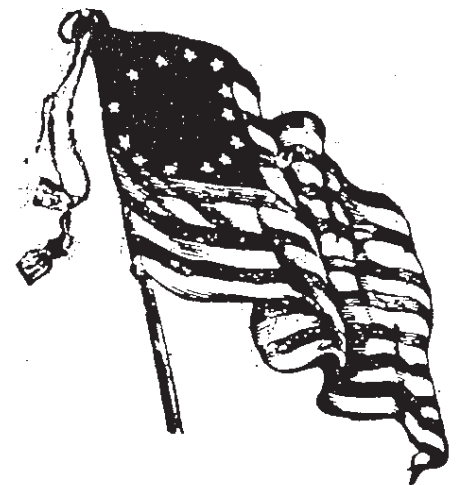
Religion and morality are the great pillars of human happiness, and let us with caution indulge the suspicion that morality can be maintained without religion.

¶ An excerpt from his farewell address as President of The United States by George Washington.

For Our Country

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage; We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favour and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honourable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogancy, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ This wonderful general intercession was composed by The Revd George Lyman Locke who for many years was rector of St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Bristol, Rhode Island.



SHORT NOTES

✠ The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is Friday, July 1st. Masses at St. Theresa of Avila Parish in West Roxbury are at 6:45 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.

✠ Parishioner Arthur Swanberg was married to the former Joan Tully on June 4th in St. Mark's Church, Boynton Beach, Florida. The couple met at a church function. Congratulations and best wishes.

✠ Many thanks to this year's readers on the Day of Pentecost, June 12th: Ryan Gabbard (Hebrew), David Burth (Koine Greek), Evan Murphy (French), Wilfrid Veldkamp (Afrikaans), and Sarah Byers (Spanish).

✠ The Irish International Immigrant Center is looking for host families for young Irish men and women 18–28 years of age who are coming to complete six weeks' youth and community internship. Host families must live close to the T. Contact Ann-Marie Byrne 617-542-7654, ext. 16. Financial compensation is provided.

Father Bradford's schedule for the ✠ next year has him working at Saint Theresa of Avila Parish Wednesday through Friday each week. To reach him in an emergency during these days please call 617-325-1300.

✠ The Knights of Columbus Museum in New Haven, Connecticut is presenting an exhibit called "Full of Grace: Crowned Madonnas from the Vatican Basilica" (through January 8, 2012). This fine museum makes for an enjoyable day trip, is easy to find, and has good on-site parking.

✠ In August the Feast of the Transfiguration is Saturday, August



6th. Anglican Use Low Mass in the St. Theresa Convent Chapel at 9:00 A.M. The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Monday, August 15th. Solemn Mass and Sermon at 7:30 P.M. in St. Lawrence Church.

✠ Molly Cavanaugh, daughter of parishioner Steve Cavanaugh, graduated in June from the University of Chicago with a B.A. in English with honors, Phi Beta Kappa. Congratulations.



SAINT JAMES, APOSTLE & MARTYR

WE learn from Hubert of Besançon that about the year 1070 thirty men from Lorraine went on pilgrimage to Compostella, to the tomb of Saint James. All of them except one had sworn to help each other. One of the thirty fell ill, and the rest waited for him for a fortnight, after which they all left him except the one who had not made the promise. This man stayed with him at the foot of the mountain of Saint Michael, where, as evening drew on, the sick man died. The other was frightened by the loneliness of the place, the presence of the dead man, the darkness of the night, and the fierceness of the local population; but all of a sudden Saint James appeared to him in knightly array, comforted him, and said: "Lift the corpse up to me, and you come behind on my horse!" They rode on and before dawn had traveled a fifteen days' journey, arriving at Mount Joy, a short distance from Compostella and the apostle's tomb. The saint set both the living and the dead down there, ordering the survivor to call upon the canons of Saint James to bury the dead pilgrim, and to tell those who had traveled with him that their pilgrimage was worthless because they had broken their oath. The man carried out his orders and told his astonished companions what Saint James had said.

The Golden Legend

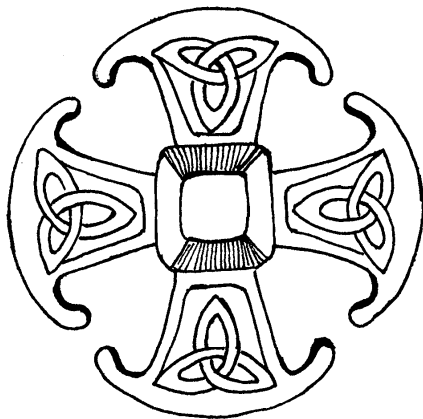
✠ *Blessed Jacobus de Voragine was a Dominican friar who served as Archbishop of Genoa. He went to God in 1298. Saint James Day is July 25th, a Monday this year.*

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

There is a huge difference between an accusation, a credible accusation, a substantiated accusation, and a finding of guilt. But not when it applies to priests. I once had a female reporter lambaste me in my office when I expressed my opposition to proposals calling for all dioceses to publish the names of accused priests. I then asked her for her boss' name and phone number. Startled, she asked why. "Because I want to press charges against you for sexually harassing me," I intoned, "and then I want to see your name posted on your employer's website." She got the point.

Bill Donohue

¶ *This excerpt is taken from a full page piece called "Straight Talk About the Catholic Church" as appeared in The New York Times on Monday, April 11, 2011. Bill Donohue is president of The Catholic League.*



A CERTAIN LAWYER

And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, "Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" (Luke 10:25)

IT falls to the lot of those who are engaged in the active and arduous profession of the law to pass their lives in great cities, amidst severe and incessant occupation, requiring all the faculties, and calling forth, from time to time, many of the strongest passions of our nature. In the midst of all this, rivals are to be watched, superiors are to be cultivated, connections cherished; some portion of life must be given to society, and some little to relaxation and amusement. When, then, is the question to be asked, 'What shall I do to inherit eternal life?', what leisure for the altar, what time for God? I appeal to the experience of men engaged in this profession, whether religious feelings and religious practices are not, without any speculative disbelief, perpetually sacrificed to the business of the world? Are not the habits of solicitude, hurry, and care, totally incompatible with habits of devotion? Is not the taste for devotion lessened? Is not the time for devotion abridged? Are you not more and more conquered against your warnings and against your will; not, perhaps, without pain and compunction, but the Mammon on life? And what is the cure for this great evil to which your profession exposes you? The cure is, to keep a sacred place in your heart, where Almighty God is enshrined, and where nothing human can enter; to say to the world, 'Thus far shalt thou go, and no further'; to remember you are a lawyer, without forgetting you are a Christian; to

wish for no more wealth than ought to be possessed by an inheritor of the Kingdom of heaven; to covet no more honour than is suitable to a child of God; boldly and bravely to set yourself limits, and to show to others you have limits, and that no professional eagerness, and not professional activity, shall ever induce you to infringe upon the rules and practices of religion: remember the text; put the great question really, which the tempter of Christ only pretended to put. In the midst of your highest success, in the most perfect gratification of your vanity, in the most ample increase of your wealth, fall down at the feet of Jesus, and say, 'Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?'

Sydney Smith

¶ *Sydney Smith (1771–1845) was an Anglican clergyman who preached this sermon to lawyers at York, England in 1824. It is taken from Volume 3 of his Works, published in 1854.*

ANGLICAN USE CONFERENCE

The annual conference of the Anglican Use Society will be held in Arlington, Texas at the parish of St. Mary the Virgin on July 7–9. The theme of the conference is "Our Patrimony" and featured speakers will include Msgr. Keith Newton, ordinary of the new Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham in England & Wales. Registration and more information is available at the conference web site: <http://www.anglicanuseconference.com>.

BRITISH MARTYRS & CONFESSORS

OVER the years 200 men and women have been beatified for their heroic witness to the Catholic Faith in the British Isles during and after the Protestant Reformation. Here we continue brief mention of some of these individual martyrs.

BLESSED HENRY ABBOT

Martyr († 1592)

THE Catholic prisoners incarcerated for their faith in York, England, were on a certain occasion approached by a Protestant minister being held in the same prison for a misdemeanor he had committed. His seeming repentance and his claim that he sought to become a Catholic himself won the other prisoners' confidence. In an effort to help the minister find a priest to reconcile him to the Catholic Church, the prisoners directed him to a zealous Catholic layman in Holden named Henry Abbot. The latter, a convert himself, took the minister to a Catholic home in Carlton in the hope of finding a priest there. But sadly the minister was an impostor, pretending an interest in the Catholic faith so as to betray those helping him to the Elizabethan regime. Henry and three other men admitted that they had attempted to explain the Catholic faith to the minister. All four were sentenced to death. Three of the men were executed in November of 1596. Henry was put to death on

July 4, 1597.

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BLESSEDS EDWARD FULTHROP AND THOMAS WARCOP

Martyrs († 1597)

EDWARD Fulthrop, a layman of England's Yorkshire region, was condemned to death for having converted from Protestantism to the Catholic faith during the persecution under Queen Elizabeth I. Another Catholic layman, Thomas Warcop, was similarly condemned for having given shelter to a priest, (Blessed) Father William Andleby. Fulthrop and Warcop suffered execution on July 4, 1597, together with Father Andleby and a third layman, (Blessed) Henry Abbot.

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IN THEIR OWN WORDS

[John Henry] Newman has been remaindered too often to the pantheon of beloved intellects whose poetic charm overcame the distractions of their religion, the same way temperamentally fragile revisionists played down Francis of Assisi as a mystical stigmatist, and turned him into an ecological birdbath ornament.

Father George Rutler

¶ This excerpt is taken from an address "The Anglican Newman and Recent Developments" given at the 2010 Portsmouth Institute at Portsmouth Abbey School, Portsmouth, Rhode Island. A former Episcopal priest, Fr. Rutler graduated The General Theological Seminary one year ahead of Fr. Bradford. Fr. Rutler is Pastor of the Church of Our Saviour, New York City.



SUMMER ALTAR FLOWERS

You may sign up now for a Sunday to provide flowers for either the high altar or the Marian altar. The high altar requires two arrangements of an ample nature, the Marian altar one smaller arrangement. The flowers may be from your own garden, or your florist. We do have a variety of vases at the church should you need one or two. After Mass you may take your flowers home. But do sign up. The flower chart will be available after Mass at coffee hour.

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