

TODAY'S INTROIT is taken from Psalm 83 verses 10, 11, and 1 & 2. We first identify them scripturally then understand them in relation to today's feast.

Psalm 83 is summed: "The soul aspires after heaven; rejoicing in the meantime, in being in the communion of God's Church upon earth." The liturgical Introit omits the verses in parenthesis.

10. Behold, O God, our protector; and look upon the face of thy Christ.

11. For better is one day in thy courts above thousands. (I have chosen to be abject in the house of my God, rather than to dwell in the tabernacles of sinners.)

In earlier verses, the Psalmist implored God's aid arguing from His boundless power and care for His people's welfare; now David repeats his petition with fresh ideas. Instead of "God of Hosts," he invokes, **Our Protector** which, in the Hebrew, reads "our Shield" as God is a shield defending them that trust Him. Instead of "Hear my prayer," now David writes, **Behold** to suggest 'not only hear me, but look upon me, see the dangers I am in!' Also, before came, "Give ear, O God of Jacob" now comes **look upon the face of thy Christ** as if to say, 'see the Prince of thy people, the Lamb without spot, who takes away the sins of the world, for His sake, protect us.'

Next, the purpose of seeking God's aid is touched upon, **For better is one day in thy courts...** During his exile from God, the pious soul seeks protection not so much against earthly harm as from spiritual evils which keep him from heaven. As the happiness of but one day in the heavenly courts surpasses thousands elsewhere, however sunny they be, so is the longing for these Courts very great. St. Robert Bellarmine puts it this way: 'I am so extremely anxious for Thy protection in this my journey to my country; for if I should fail in getting there, the loss would be too great, "for better is one day" in those heavenly courts, than days without end elsewhere.'

1. How lovely are thy tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts!

2. My soul longs and faints for the courts of my Lord. (My heart and my flesh have rejoiced in the living God.)

Here are the sentiments of the pious soul on pilgrimage to the Promise Land; he is weary with desire to arrive at his journey's end. "The pious soul," says St. Bellarmine, "whatever maybe his happiness here below, always looks upon himself as miserable and "suffering persecution." For the prosperity of the world is a great temptation, and a persecution." **How lovely are thy tabernacles...** refers not to the one Temple of Jerusalem, with its one tabernacle of gilded timber made by man, but rather to the many heavenly tabernacles "not made by human hands" of which the Lord speaks when He says, "In my Father's house there are many mansions." **My soul longs...** having spoken of the beauty of these tabernacles, the Psalmist ranks himself among their number.

The Feast of the 14th Sunday after Pentecost speaks on the Christian life. The Epistle: "Walk in the spirit..." avoid the works of the flesh, harvest the fruits of the Spirit; the Gospel: "Be not solicitous..." seek not earthly cares over heavenly ones. Desire greatly aids obtaining something; if, in our daily grind, heaven seems distant, ask the Good Lord for the grace to long for heaven and heavenly things... to seek first the Kingdom of God.

St. Michael's Latin Mass Community

Apostolate of the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter under the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rapid City

at Immaculate Conception Chapel (922 Fifth St., Rapid City, SD)

14th Sunday after

Pentecost

September 18, 2011

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Sunday Mass Schedule

9:10 – 9:55 am Confessions
10:00 am High Mass (low Mass with Benediction on 1st Sundays)
11:20 am Confessions (after Mass, as needed)

Monday – Saturday Mass Schedule

7:30 – 7:55 am Confessions (and after Mass, as needed)
8:00 am Low Mass
(5:30 pm Low Mass on 1st Fridays and Fridays of Lent)

At St. Michael's LMC

Every day ~ the Holy Rosary before daily mass.

Monday Latin Class ~ 6:30 to 7:30 pm at ICC.

Wednesday Holy Hour ~ 7:00 to 7:55 am

Choir Practice ~ 1st & 3rd Wednesday from 2:30 to 4:00 pm at ICC; if interested, call Stefanie at 718-0128

Wednesday Class ~ 6:30 to 7:30 pm (in recess)

Sunday Class ~ 2:00 to 3:00 pm; if interested, call Jean 391-8307. Current topic: Church History.

Vespers & Compline ~ Sunday & Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:00 pm at ICC.

Liturgical Calendar for the Upcoming Week

DATE	FEAST	CLASS	COLOR	COMMEMORATION
Sun 09-11	13 th Sunday after Pentecost	2	G	
Mon 09-12	St. Januarius & Comp.	3	R	
Tues 09-13	Feria	4	G	Ss. Eustache & Comp.
Wed 09-14	St. Matthew	2	R	Ember Wednesday
Thu 09-15	St. Thomas of Villanova	3	W	St. Maurice & Comp.
Fri 09-16	Ember Friday	2	V	St. Linus
Sat 09-17	Ember Saturday	2	V	Our Lady of Ransom
Sun 09-18	15 th Sunday after Pentecost	2	G	

Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week

Sun 09-18	Special Intention
Mon 09-19	For members of congress...
Tues 09-20	Molly (birthday)
Wed 09-21	For conversion of the Americas to the Catholic faith
Thurs 09-22	Chris & Mary Rangel
Fri 09-23	Becky Bruch
Sat 09-24	Alisha Bruch
Sun 09-25	April Espericueta

ON THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

Et de vestimento quid solliciti estis?

After He had shown that we were not to be solicitous concerning our food, He passes on to what is less important; for clothing is of less importance than food. And so he says: *And for raiment why are you solicitous?* He does not here use the example of the birds, though He might have spoken of the peacock or the swan and similar examples, In stead He uses the of the lilies, saying: *Consider the lilies of the field.* He wishes from two things to make known the divine superabundance; namely, from the magnificence of their beauty, and from the insignificance of the creatures that are sharers in such beauty.

~ St. John Chrysostom, Patriarch of Constantinople, Doctor; 354-407 †

Announcements

Father Hathaway is away visiting his parents in Montana. He returns Saturday, September 24. The normal schedule resumes Sunday, Sept., 25th. (During his absence, there are no scheduled classes or vespers.)

Please welcome Fr. Terrence Gordon, FSSP, filling in for Fr. Hathaway; Fr. Gordon is an associate at our Parish apostolate in Omaha, NE. He will return to Omaha after offering the Holy Hour and Mass on Wednesday, Sept. 21. (There is no Mass at ICC from Sept., 22 through Sept., 24.)

LAST CALL: The FSSP 2012 Calendar and Liturgical Ordo and FSSP Directory will soon be available. Should you like one or more of either items, please indicate so on the sheet at the back of church. The cost for either item is \$10.00 each.

On the Nativity of Mary: It is certainly to be marveled that the Evangelists make no mention of the conception or birth of the Most Holy Virgin, as of the conception and birth of Christ, for Moses indeed wrote a history not only of the creation of man, but of the creation of the woman as well, but the Blessed Virgin herself is introduced without father, without mother, without genealogy like Melchisedech, King of Salem, priest of God Most High and like Elijah the prophet, rather like the Angels as of the heavenly paradise, of whom, how they were created or when, Moses made no mention, as he did of the creation of the heaven and earth, the sun and the moon and the earthly paradise of man...

So certainly, since the Evangelists led not by the human spirit, but inspired by the Holy Spirit entrusted the sacred and divine history of the Gospel to eternal monuments, the Holy Spirit was unwilling to say anything concerning the conception and nativity of the Virgin Mary, lest we consider it as something little worth hearing concerning her as conceived and born from father and mother, like everyone else. But he wished to honor her with a sacred silence, as with an honorable silence is the creation of the heavenly paradise and of the Angels. And that from the conception and nativity of Christ we might understand the holy nativity and immaculate conception of the Blessed Virgin. ~ St. Lawrence Brindisi, OFM Cap.

Criffon Robinson sends his greetings.

He is doing well with 8 other aspirants. He wishes you have his contact info:

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Offertory 9-11-11
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