

COMMENTARY ON TODAY'S EPISTLE BY DOM GUÉRANGER

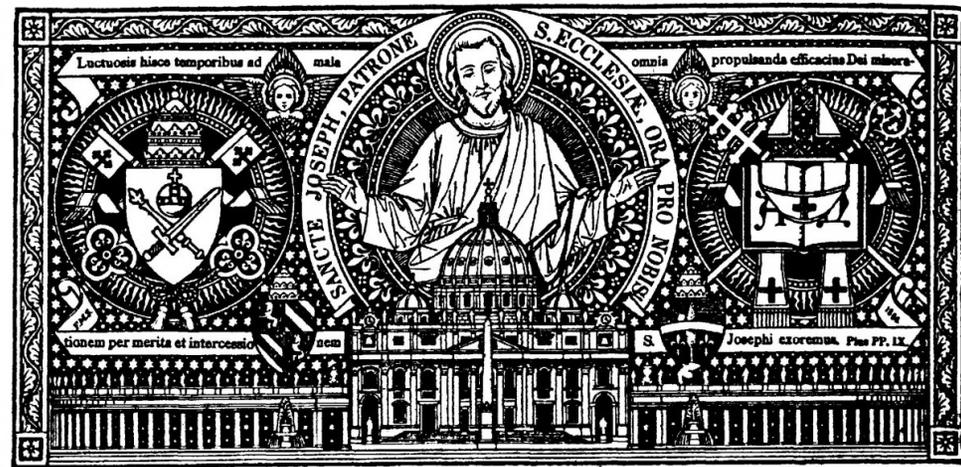
Reckon that ye are dead unto sin, but alive unto God, in Christ Jesus our Lord! The Apostle of the Gentiles enters today into the development of this leading formula of the Christian life. The Epistle of last Sunday aimed exclusively at putting it in language that could not be misunderstood; it showed us, that it expresses what is meant by that Baptism which, when we are immersed in the water, unites us to Christ.

There, as in a sepulcher, the death of Jesus becomes ours, and delivers us from sin. Sold under sin by our First Parents even before we had seen the day, and branded with its infamous stigma,—our whole life belonged to the cruel tyrant; he is a master who is never satisfied with our service; he is a merciless exactor; there is scarce an hour, that he does not make us feel his power over the members of our body; he does not allow us to forget that our body is his slave. But, if the life of a slave is under master's control, death comes at last and sets the soul free; and as to the body, the oppressor can claim nothing, once it is buried. Now, it was on the Cross of the Man-God, on the Cross of that Jesus who, as the Apostle so strongly expresses it, was made sin because of our sins,—it was on that Cross, that guilty human nature was considered, by God's merciful justice, to have become what its divine and innocent Head was. The old man, that was the issue of Adam the sinner, has been crucified; he has died in Christ; the slave by birth, enfranchised by this happy death, has had buried under the waters of Baptism the body of sin, which carried in its flesh the mark of its slavery.

The body of sin was indeed our flesh; not that innocent flesh which originally came all pure from its Creator's hands,—but the flesh, which, generation after generation, was defiled by the transmission of a disgraceful inheritance. In Baptism, which the Apostle calls the mysterious sepulcher, the sacred stream has not only washed away the defilement of this degraded body, but it has also set it free from those members of sin, which are the evil passions. These passions were powers of iniquity, that is, powers which deformed, and turned into uncleanness, those faculties and organs wherewith God had endowed us, that we might fulfill all justice, unto sanctification. At that moment of our Baptism, the strong-armed tyrant forfeited his possession of us; that Baptism was a death, which set his slave free. Sin being thus destroyed, the head of triple concupiscence has been severed, and the monster may writhe as he can; aided by grace, man thus liberated, may always prevent, if he wishes, the coils of the serpent from again being joined with their head.



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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Introit

All you peoples clap your hands, shout to God with cries of gladness.
For the Lord, the Most High, the Awesome, is the great King over all the earth.

Glory be to the Father . . .

All you peoples clap your hands . . .

Collect

O God, Whose providence never fails to set things in order, we humbly beseech You to remove from us whatever is harmful and grant whatever is for our benefit. Through our Lord . . .

Epistle

Romans VI, 19-23

Brethren: I speak in a human way because of the weakness of your flesh; for as you yielded your members as slaves of uncleanness and iniquity unto iniquity, so now yield your members as slaves of justice unto sanctification. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free as regards justice. But what fruit had you then from those things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of these things is death. But now set free from sin and become slaves to God,

you have your fruit unto sanctification, and as your end, life everlasting. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is life everlasting in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gradual & Alleluia

Come, children, harken me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Look to Him that you may be radiant with joy, and your faces may not blush with shame.

Alleluia, alleluia. All you peoples, clap your hands, shout to God with cries of gladness. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew VII, 15-21

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples: Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. By their fruits you will know them. Do men gather grapes from thorns, or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore, by their fruits you will know them. Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father in heaven shall enter the kingdom of heaven.

Offertory

As though it were holocausts of rams and bullocks, or thousands of fat lambs, so let our sacrifice be in Thy presence today, that it may please Thee; for those who trust in Thee cannot be put to shame, O Lord.

Secret

O God, You Who have given us in one perfect sacrifice the fulfillment of the various sacrifices made under the Old Law, accept these sacrificial gifts offered by Thy devoted servants, and make them holy as Thou didst the gifts of Abel, so that what each one of us has offered in praise of Thy majesty may profit for the salvation of all Through our Lord . . .

Communion

Incline Your ear to me, make haste to deliver me .

Postcommunion

May Thy healing action, O Lord, mercifully rid us of our evil inclinations and lead us to do good. Through our Lord . . .



WISDOM OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Renuncements must be made quite gently, simply, and as if one made them for love and not from necessity of the struggle.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Sunday, July 31st: Annual joint picnic with the Shrine of Christ the King. Following Holy Mass at Forsyth Park Picnic Shelter, 119th Street and Caroline Avenue, Whiting. Please bring a dish to pass, a beverage or disposable dining wear to share.

Friday, August 5th: First Friday of the Month. Devotions to the Sacred Heart and Benediction, 6.30 pm, followed by Holy Mass at 7 pm. St. Joseph's Church, Dyer.

Please note that because of the heat during the month of August, Sunday Masses will recited and not sung.

ONLINE GIVING

It is finally possible to contribute to the work of the Institute of Christ the King at St. Joseph's Oratory and in the Diocese of Gary by giving online. If writing a check or putting cash in the collection baskets on Sunday isn't your thing or too difficult to remember, please consider giving this way. It is also possible to set up recurring payments. Visit our website: <https://institute-christ-king.org/hammond-home/> and click on the "Donate" tab on the right side of the burgundy banner at the top of the page.

BURSAR'S BOX

Sunday, July 3rd: \$ 2, 917.00

Sunday, July 10th: 5, 988.00

Sunday, July 17th: 3, 474.00

Total for the Month to date: \$ 12, 379.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Please make checks payable to "Institute of Christ the King" with **Hammond** on the memo line. All checks made out to "St. Joseph's" are given to the parish. Per agreement with the pastor, \$800/week is given in rent to St. Joseph's Parish.