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Fr. Robert's Remarks



Greetings, The Lord be with you!

My remarks this month are very brief, but I do want to draw attention to *Salvator Mundi*, a canticle often used in Lent in lieu of the *Te Deum* and which may be found on page 13 of this issue.

FR ROBERT MANSFIELD, SSO VICAR GENERAL

I was impressed by a reflective comment made to me recently about *Salvator Mundi*—particularly verses 3 and 4.

³Let the pitifulness of thy great mercy / loose us from our sins we humbly beseech thee. ⁴ Make it appear that thou art our Saviour and mighty Deliverer: / O save us that we may praise thee, we humbly beseech thee.

The comment recognised the value of God's great mercy toward us in loosing us from our sins in verse 3, but drew attention to the effect of that in verse 4, something that give the request an evangelistic overtone when one asks to whom it should be made to appear that God is our Saviour and mighty deliverer?. That reminds us that we are getting cleaned up for a purpose which is not just our salvation but the salvation of others as well.

I shall be using the canticle at Morning Prayer on Sundays and ferial days; If it is not required there, I shall use it at lunch-time for the mission and outreach of the Church. I invite you to join me in that exercise this Lent.

More next month. God Bless! R+

Fr. David Marriott, SSC: A Sermon for Lent III

Editor's Note: +Over the years, I have asked for sermons for the Newsletter and we have shared many—some newly written, some older sermons. This particular one was written for Lent III, 2004. Fr. David was ordained priest on Ember Saturday, March 6th, 2004 and This was his first sermon preached as a priest. Fr. David, Happy 20th Anniversary and many more years. RSHM+



FR. DAVID MARRIOTT, SSC

'When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out; and when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished; then goeth he and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in, and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first.'

This story is brought to us by S. Luke, which is most appropriate, as this blessed apostle was a physician, and clearly had the physician's ear for a tale which to this day plagues the average medical practice. He heard

that which was the important truth in this story from Our Lord. What is this problem, which was there then, is there today, and can only be solved by faith and a strong commitment to Our Lord?

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Fr. David Marriott, SSC:

Addiction. Or to be more clear, addictive behaviour, dependent behaviour. It is one of those faults, which came from man's rejection of God's prescription for happiness in the Garden of Eden. Of man's choice to follow his own selfish desires by eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. It is based in weakness, in the sacrifice of that which we know is right to that which we know will give us temporary pleasure. It is the turning of our backs on God, and satisfying the animal, the base, within us. But with addiction, it goes beyond our will, so that we are not able to resist the demand of the substance abused.

What do we do about addictions?

Now addictions take many forms: there are the ones we all tend to think about, those that we read of in the press: these include IV drug use, smoking crack cocaine, smoking crystal methamphetamines, taking amphetamines, injecting heroin. And there are the legal addictions, which torment some of us: smoking and alcohol. I know that in the group of us that are here today, there are some who have been fighting, have fought, or who fight still one of these demons. How do I know? Because I quit smoking some thirty odd years ago: I was addicted to nicotine. And in his later years, my dad had a big problem with the booze.

And then again there are those other addictions: food, or eating: when you feel down, so you go and eat, even if you are not hungry. When you think that well, those chocolates are good, and I deserve that extra treat, so why not eat them all? Or the addiction to sex: that if it feels good, and if both want it, then it must be good, so go ahead: I call this the temptation of the hedonistic society. And the addiction to TV: even though there is nothing worth watching, you find yourself glued to that little box flickering in the corner!

The big problem, well known to those trying to lose weight, over and over again, is that the problem pounds keep coming back again, and they tend to bring their friends with them.

See something familiar in this story? You see, the weight you have lost – By the way, have you ever thought where it goes? People have been known to lose – let's say 50 pounds - now that might hurt your back to lift it, if you didn't do it right – but where does it go? If you have a fifty pound sack of potatoes, you cannot just make it disappear! But if you lose fifty pounds weight (probably may have been potatoes at one time), they just disappear!!

But I digress: let's go back to the gospel story: the weight you have lost, in the words of the story, goes off and wanders around looking for a new home, but not finding any thin peoples that will let it in, says, 'Well this is no good, per-

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haps I'll just go back where I came from and try and get a roof over my head there!' And so it does, and when it gets there, not only is the room all ready, fire lit, slippers drawn up by the fire, but there is also a sign saying 'room for rent' so you can invite all your buddies to come and join you!

And this applies to all the addictions: how many people have gone through detox, not once, not twice, but many times. It is not their fault: they cannot help themselves. You and I cannot help ourselves.

Because the whole problem with the addiction is that the addict has some sort of a problem with how he sees the world, and how he thinks the world sees him: and that is he did not have the help of that little drink, or that little pill, or that little syringe with its little needle, then the world might become unbearable, intolerable, and impossible to bear. Because we have a fear of what the other might think or do to us, and so we try and escape that reality, through food, or sex, or drugs, or booze.

But the answer is in the Gospel for today, and it is this that can bring hope to every one of us who struggles against these demons: and some of the demons might be that we work too hard, too much, that we 'do those things that we ought not to do, and do not those things which we ought to do, and there is no health in us.'

"If I cast out devils by the finger of God, no doubt the finger of God hath come upon you." The finger of God: it is by the faith on God, and the reliance on God to be our guide and protector, and through the grace gained for us by the redemption of our sins earned for us on the Cross at Calvary by Our Lord, Jesus Christ, and through His sending of the Holy Ghost to be with us and guiding us, that we can defeat the evils perpetrated on us by Satan and his powers. We have the possibility given to us that by confession and penance, we can defeat the devil and all his works, and gain a joyful life in this world, followed by eternal salvation in heaven above.



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Bonnie's Reflections: Eyes to See With



When we read the Gospel of Luke, we benefit from the testimonies of people who had "eyes to see with." This means they had discerned a deep meaning behind apparently ordinary things. Much of our Christan faith is based on the testimonies of people who witnessed the events of Jesus' life. The Mother of Jesus was one of

these, and her experiences were recorded by Luke the evangelist.

God had declared that every firstborn son, and even every first offspring of livestock, belonged to Him. Both firstborn babies and animals had to be redeemed, "bought back", by a sacrifice in the Temple. With this command, God was teaching His people that every life comes from Him, and belongs to Him. The infant Jesus was therefore redeemed when he was forty days old. The prescribed sacrifice for a firstborn son was a lamb; or if that was too costly, two doves or pigeons. The blood was collected to be poured out at the foot of the altar by a priest. The meat from the sacrifices was cooked and shared between the worshippers and the priests.

The Temple was a huge complex because of the scale of worship. It was "a city within the city" of Jerusalem. Jews from all Israel, and other countries, would come for important religious ceremonies and study of the Scriptures. They would stay in Jerusalem and its surrounding villages, sometimes for weeks.

In the Temple, large numbers of birds and livestock were ritually slaughtered every day. Meat was for offerings, skins made into leather and parchment for scrolls, and offal burned. Other offerings of fruit and grains were prepared for ceremonial meals. Huge quantities of water and firewood were needed. The Temple was staffed by priests and Levites; singers, musicians, servants, and even Temple police. The finance department collected money offerings, of which some were given to the poor. Ceremonial gold and silver vessels were to be cleaned and stored. Priestly garments, specially made, must be cleaned and maintained. Everything had to proceed on a schedule. Finally, there was all the regular cleaning and maintenance to be done. There was movement, scent, music and voices everywhere.

Apart from Temple staff, there were individuals who privately dedicated their lives to attendance and prayer. Mary and Joseph met two of these; Simeon and Anna.

Simeon had been told by the Lord that he would not die before the Messiah came

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to fulfill God's promises to Israel, given through the prophets. When he saw the baby Jesus brought into the Temple, Simeon recognized the infant by the Holy Spirit's prompting within himself. Simeon's words are used in our worship today as the Nunc Dimittis; "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace... For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation..." He took the child into his arms and gave thanks. When we read Simeon's words, we see his moment of recognition. He knew that this was fulfilment. This was the Messiah. Tiny as he was now, he would fulfill God's plan.

The business of the Temple went on around them, and people streamed by, but here was a moment of Holy stillness. Among the people focused on their own tasks in the building, one person must have heard Simeon's words of praise. An old woman approached.

Anna, a childless widow, had spent her life attending the Temple to fast and pray. Married young, she had not been blessed with children. Her husband was dead. In that society, where raising a family was paramount, many would have seen her as someone with no purpose in life. Childlessness was seen as a mark of God's disapproval.

Having no-one in her life to care for, Anna cared for God. "Day and night" she attended services, fasting, rejoicing in God's care, praying for her neighbours and their families, as well as her nation now enduring bondage under Rome. Anna was known as a prophetess, someone who could see God's plan and promises being fulfilled, through the gift of the Holy Spirit within her. Perhaps her example encouraged or challenged those whose lives she touched.

Among the hundreds of people moving through the Temple on their own errands, Anna focused on one ordinary little family. Had she heard Simeon's cry of joy? Or had the Holy Spirit drawn her to the spot? She "knew that she knew" this was the beginning of the fulfillment of God's promises. From this brief meeting, Anna was given a certainty of God's faithfulness, and from that day, began to share her insight with those who were still living in hope. She knew that God had not forgotten His people. He was faithful to His promises.

Nobody else in the crowd took notice. Just another little bundle in a mother's arms, just another father carrying a basket holding two birds, to redeem a baby boy.

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Congo.

Bishop Steven has written with thanks for the funds sent for the renovations to St. François d'Assise in Mosho, delayed for some months. You may recall that the wooden church is being reinforced by concrete block walls, as the heavy rains have been causing problems with the wooden structure. As you might expect the rain falls in

a wide area, just like here in BC: in this case, just 'up the road, in Bukavu.

So, this email might well have been expected: Bishop Steven writes: 'Greetings in Christ our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Through this email I would like forward you the urgent need to complete the construction of our Saint Michel Bagira Mission, in the Urban-Rural Commune of the city of Bukavu. It is raining too much, and our effort is down. The missing materials are costing US\$ 1,475.00 detailed as following:





Thank you very much, God bless you. Attached is a photo of the current state of the Saint Michel Bagira Mission building.

+The Right Reverend Steven Ayule-Milenge Bishop Ordinary of the ACC-Diocese of Congo

- 13 Roofing Sheets =\$130,
- 150 Boards =\$600,
- -1 Door =\$80,
- -8 Windows =\$320,
- Remaining labour =\$100,
- 15 Kilograms of sheet metal nails and Ordinary = \$45,
- Transportation of materials = \$100,
- Unexpected = 100.





Congo East.

We were also able to send CDN\$1500.00 to Bishop Mmokywa Mtundu, for the rebuilding of the school in Baraka, damaged by high winds and heavy rain. The Bishop has written with his thanks, and with a request for further help with the Church in Baraka. The Diocese of the Holy Trinity has sent funds for the church building the walls of which have been built, but there are additional funds for the roof, and completion of the interior. The Appeal will discuss this with Fr. Edlin in California, who has supplied the Diocese of the Holy Trinity funds through the St. Paul Mission Society.

The Bishop writes, 'Hello father, I say thank you very much for your assistance, I am joyful, much more. So, I want to send you my cement or sheet metal project for the construction of the church of Saint Peter Baraka. Thank you very much, Father. Bishop Mmokywa Mtundu Lameck, In Christ.

The Bishop is also seeking funds to enable five candidates for ordination to receive theological training from Bishop Steven in Bukavu, which is some 210Kms. In Canada, that would probably take 2 hours in good weather, whereas in Congo, it took me two days, with an overnight in Uvira. This is planned for February, at a cost of US\$955.00, for travel, an overnight stay and food for seven nights.

Rwanda.



Fr. Chadrack has received the funds for the enlargement of the Parish in





Ramba, and will be sending us updates as the work progresses. He writes about his work, supporting the parishes: 'Greetings from Kigufi parish in Eastern province. This parish is picking up the pulse quickly and we pray that the Lord may continue to keep it. At this end of the year, I am traveling to parishes to visit them and get reports thus I request prayers and funds if available to unable me to fulfil this duty.

As I look at this photograph of the Baptism at Nyamyiumba, looking at the pathway up the hill, to walk these pathways would be impossible for me, but, clearly people living there cope so well!

In previous Appeals, we have spoken about how the Rwandan government have required churches to be well built, which gave several parishes great difficulty. The efforts of the parishes have given great rewards, so that buildings are safer, with better construction standards, although still needing support from outside the country.



Cameroon.

Just as in Congo, the weather has taken its toll in Yaoundé. The first problem was caused by an electrical failure in the supply system: Bishop Alphonse writes: 'In our locality and district of Mfou Elende, the electricity has deteriorated due to the failure of the SINGLE PHASE TRANSFORMER which has been out of order for several months and this has put our whole locality in distress of darkness in the night and even all services in the households are completely stopped.

This, for our compound is also obvious, we are in the dark and for the past 2 and a half months, we have been forced to remain vigilant to fight with bandits who take advantage of power cuts like this one.

And painfully, the government and municipal authorities will not respond so quickly to relieve us. The responsibility lies with the Government to pay for the three-phase transformer which can cost more than \$8 million to satisfy the needs and relieve its population that we are.'



You may recall that the Diocese of the Holy Trinity sent funds so that the Cathedral compound could drill a well for water, and an electrical supply for the water pump. The Diocese then arranged poles to be installed and lights installed, which gave increased safety and kept 'bandits' away.

Once again. weather intervened, as Bishop Alphonse writes: 'A very sad





story is that my electric poles with all the line that runs to the neighbours' house fell by the wind and rain that fell, last Sunday (January 21st, 2024).'

Some neighbours have thought to buy a generator: we have asked the Bishop for full details about this, as we are required by the Canadian government to have this information. We await to receive this.

Kenya.

Bishop John writes: 'It is worth reporting that ongoing work in restoration of the Korogocho fence and toilet block is ongoing because there shall actually be 2 fences on the side which has a security risk. The outer one is fully poles, timber and iron sheets while the internal one will be blocks up to 3 feet from the ground. Photos of the final work will be shared later.

Plans for the month of February are as follows.

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Hold an Annual leadership Summit on 18th February to resolve and forward to the Attorney General's office proposal of a new mission name change.

4. Continue implementing the Diocesan annual plan

Our major prayer in the coming month is for God to provide, as in the overview of the parochial needs docu-

ment, the \$600 required for the renovation of the Good Shepherd, Korogocho rectory so that the recently wed couple (mission leaders) may



begin operating soon. Both of them are university graduates and Monica was a Children's' departmental leader in the Canterbury Anglican Church that she came from. It can also be remembered that renovation of Korogocho in general will aid our proposal for a legal name change shall officers from the office of the attorney general resolve to make a field visit. Please pray with us.

Also pray for the Needs of a tailoring project at Saint Rita for those girls there to be kept hopeful in life as they train. Saint Rita is my mission of focus this year, but may the Will of the Lord be done. Due to the busy schedule and resource constraints, I may start making my monthly visit to this mission in March.



Wishing you all a blessed 'gesimatide' (pre-lent) season.

In Christ John Ndegwa Nairobi, Kenya

South Sudan.



I have received an email and photos from Bishop Garang, of his recent visit to the Diocese of Aweil, South Sudan. In a telephone call with him today, we spoke of the immense needs of his people, and of those refugees from the civil war in Sudan, just to the north: that with so much concern for the war in Ukraine, the conflict between Israel and Palestine in Gaza, and the immigration problems in Europe and America, the horrors facing his people can be neglected. In my Homily for Lent I, I write: 'Bishop Garang knows that our best

efforts could only scratch the surface of the immense problems facing so many who lack the very basics of life, and are facing starvation. He has often spoken to me of the need for us to 'Fast and Pray', not for any instant remedy, but for God's intervention which is essential to put an end to man's inhumanity to man, wherever it occurs in this suffering world.'



He writes: 'I was in the Diocese, and I came back from South Sudan on Saturday 10th February last week. I was able to visit the areas affected by starvation and a refugee camp. The starvation situation is very bad and the need in the refugee camp is desperate. The needs in the refugee camp are food and medicines. The need of the starving population is also food and medicines. Many people are dying for lack of food and medicines and many children are malnourished. The starvation is as a result of the drought and poor har-

vests of last year. The needs for the refugees and returnees are unmet and their numbers are increasing with new arrivals because the war in Sudan is still going on.

This has resulted in many people committing suicide. One example was a lady who killed her two children and was to kill herself but did not succeed but was later arrested and is now in jail for killing her children. This is only one example, but the reality is that many other people have committed suicide due to the starvation





and more will do so if there isn't any intervention to help them. We need also to pray for God's provision and intervention.

The starvation has forced people to collect wild leaves and wild fruits to eat in order to survive. In the pictures attached below, women and girls are collecting wild leaves and fruits that they use as food. The leaves and fruits they are eating are not healthy, but they have no choice. Some of the refuges are thinking of going back to

South Sudan to die there instead of dying in the camp from starvation. Therefore, I am appealing to you to do-

nate funds towards assisting the victims of starvation. The funds will be used to purchase food items like sorghum, maize flour, beans, lentils, and cooking oil that will be distributed to the affected households.

We need to pray for God's intervention and make the needs of the starving population, returnees and refugees known to people and organizations who can be of assistance. Thousands of lives are at risk from starvation



and malnutrition among adults, mothers and children and thousands of lives may be lost due to starvation if



there are no interventions to assist them. It is my prayer and hope that God will touch the hearts of the people you will be talking to so that they can give generously for the affected starvation victims. May God continue to bless you and the donors for their concern and continued support. Attached are pictures of the people collecting wild leaves, fruits, and wheat seeds.'



How to support these churches:

There are no deductions from money received by the Appeal; the full dollar amount is sent to Cameroon, Congo, South Sudan, Rwanda or Kenya. Administrative costs, eg, money transfer fees, are paid from gifts received for this purpose.

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A Canticle for Lent

SALVATOR MUNDI

May be used instead of the Te Deum at Mattins during Lent on Sundays and Feriae and is also worthy of some reflection. Salvator Mundi can be found in the Chant Appendix of the Book of Common Praise (The Blue Hymn Book) —chants # 121-123.

Ant. O Saviour of the world, who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us; / save us and help us we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

² Thou didst save thy disciples when ready to perish: / hear us and save us we humbly beseech thee.

³ Let the pitifulness of thy great mercy / loose us from our sins we humbly beseech thee.

⁴ Make it appear that thou art our Saviour and mighty Deliverer: / O save us that we may praise thee, we humbly beseech thee.

⁵ Draw near according to thy promise from the throne of thy glory: / look down and hear our crying we humbly beseech thee.

⁶ Come again and dwell with us, O Lord Christ Jesus: / abide with us for ever we humbly beseech thee.

 7 And when thou shalt appear with power and great glory: / may we be made like unto thee, in thy glorious Kingdom.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, / world without end. Amen.

Ant. O Saviour of the world, who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us; / save us and help us we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

George Herbert: Lent

Welcome dear feast of Lent: who loves not thee, He loves not Temperance, or Authority, But is compos'd of passion. The Scriptures bid us fast; the Church says, now: Give to thy Mother, what thou wouldst allow To ev'ry Corporation.

The humble soul compos'd of love and fear Begins at home, and lays the burden there, When doctrines disagree, He says, in things which use hath justly got,

I am a scandal to the Church, and not The Church is so to me.

True Christians should be glad of an occasion To use their temperance, seeking no evasion, When good is seasonable; Unless Authority, which should increase The obligation in us, make it less, And Power itself disable.

Besides the cleanness of sweet abstinence, Quick thoughts and motions at a small expense, A face not fearing light: Whereas in fulness there are sluttish fumes, Sour exhalations, and dishonest rheums, Revenging the delight.

Then those same pendant profits, which the spring And Easter intimate, enlarge the thing, And goodness of the deed. Neither ought other men's abuse of Lent Spoil the good use; lest by that argument We forfeit all our Creed.

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George Herbert: Lent

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It's true, we cannot reach Christ's forti'eth day; Yet to go part of that religious way, Is better than to rest: We cannot reach our Saviour's purity; Yet we are bid, 'Be holy ev'n as he, ' In both let's do our best.

Who goeth in the way which Christ hath gone, Is much more sure to meet with him, than one That travelleth by-ways: Perhaps my God, though he be far before, May turn and take me by the hand, and more: May strengthen my decays.

Yet Lord instruct us to improve our fast By starving sin and taking such repast, As may our faults control: That ev'ry man may revel at his door, Not in his parlour; banqueting the poor, And among those his soul.

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