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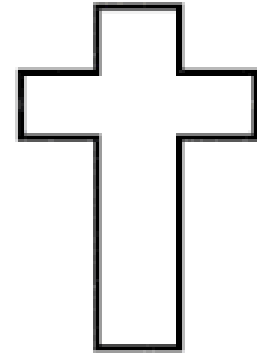
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The Twelfth Chapter

The Royal Road of the Holy Cross

From the Imitation of Christ:

TO MANY the saying, “Deny thyself, take up thy cross and follow Me,”²⁰ seems hard, but it will be much harder to hear that final word: “Depart from Me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire.”²¹ Those who hear the word of the cross and follow it willingly now, need not fear that they will hear of eternal damnation on the day of judgment. ...



Click the following link to continue reading *The Royal Road of the Holy Cross*:

[Thomas à Kempis: Imitation of Christ - Christian Classics Ethereal Library \(ccel.org\)](https://www.ccel.org/ccel/Thomas/Kempis/ImitationOfChrist.html)



Second Sorrowful Mystery Scourging of our Lord

There are days when God shows mercy,
and there days when it seems withheld.
Some days cruelty just demands its day,
and this day, the Father let it have its way.



The scourging of our Lord on that day
showed injustice, violence and disrespect.
But the Father had a reason for it all,
so, let's be grateful and let him have his call.

The people who saw our Lord put on trial
were like us in many ways.
They lived among the rank and file
and no doubt many also walked the extra mile.

We must remember,
It's not good to judge another.
That lot is not for us you see,
but for God alone—it's his responsibility.

Also, when all is said and done,
and our last day has come,
a sobering day that will be,
so let us pray, the Lord's mercy
and our will might be as one.

—**Brother Jerome Kroetsch, CSC**



Reflection for Liturgy Honoring St. Joseph March 19
Columba Hall Reflection
Written by Brother Robert Mosher, C.S.C.

A provident God spent a portion of eternity carefully planning the creation of a man who would emulate a father's role on earth for his incarnated Son to be.

St. Joseph, whom we honor today, was God's choice and, of course, it proved the very best one: Joseph fulfilled his predestined role with complete and extraordinary competency. His complete faith and trust in God's will, as well as human abilities and caring disposition aided his success.

This "righteous" Jew and faithful observer of the Torah, Joseph was an artisan carpenter. Creative, calculative, analytic in view of his trade, Joseph used these intellectual skills to solve problems, as he did with his marriage and safeguarding his spouse and his foster son. Although a man of his time and culture, Joseph demonstrated very special respectful care, love, and kindness to Mary as a woman. One can well imagine the very positive and enduring effect such positive example must have had on the development of Jesus into adulthood.

The Brothers of Holy Cross, formerly constituted as the Brothers of St. Joseph, are privileged to retain Joseph as their official patron. Additionally honored by the sub-designation of their Society as "Josephites of Holy Cross," they continue to honor him as their model.



Saint Patrick's Day at Columba Hall

Pictures by Brother Joseph Fox, C.S.C.



Blessed Sunday
Corn Beef
Colconnon Potatoes
Bangers
Carrots with Irish Butter
Garden Salad and Parsley
Soda Bread Biscuits
Cake
Pistacio Pudding Cups

Live Laugh



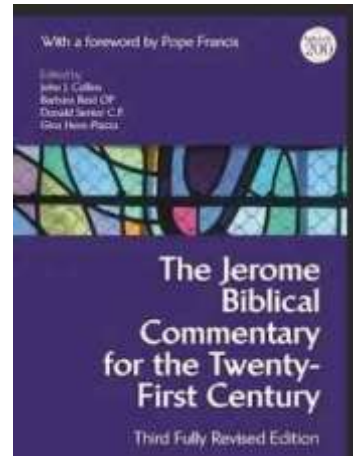


Bible Bites by Brother Robert Mosher, C.S.C.

Biblical Commentary

In addition to the Topical Bible previously described here in *Bible Bites*, there is another very useful aid that can be used in the scholarly study of the Bible, the commentary.


Very much like most reference books, the biblical commentary is a specifically organized listing of citations along with their corresponding books, chapters, and verses; interpretations, explanations, applications, and other related extraneous information, as well as supplemental editorial material. The average size of the standard biblical commentary is 2200 pages.




The premier edition of biblical commentaries is the *St. Jerome Biblical Commentary For the Twenty-First Century* (3rd Revised.).

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Annual Appeal, 2023

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Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

A Hope That Leads to Joy

If you are like me, you can get very anxious about an event coming in the future that you feel might turn out to be less than successful. I need to constantly remind myself that hope is not mainly concerned about future events but about what is happening now. What brings hope is a relationship with a God whose love has my back and will be there for me no matter what the future holds. This kind of hope allows me to live in Jesus' words, "Come to me you who are heavily burdened and you will find rest."

Living with this kind of hope will let me relax in God's love and lead me to a joy from within which is like "walking on water through a storm on the lake." "If God is for me who can be against me?" This kind of hope and joy also takes faith. Relying on God in the past will allow me to trust in a God who brings me into the present and the experience of peace. Our Holy Cross Associates have a saying that focuses on the same conclusion: "We are men and women with hope and zeal to bring." This is God's promise to those who strive to live a Christian life."

- Do the words "The cross is our only hope" make sense to you?
- Does finding hope lead you to feelings of joy?
- Does the call to be "people with hope and zeal to bring" give you a specific focus for your ministry?

O God, help me be a person whose hope leads to inner feelings of joy."

Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.



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<https://weeklyspiritualinsights.org/>



Reflection sent in by Brother Thomas Maddix, C.S.C.



Forgiveness says we are given another chance to
make a new beginning.
~Desmond Tutu

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-- Watercolor--

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