

Wednesday, December 30, 2020
Sixth Day of the Octave of Christmas

The words from the letter of St. John in today's reading will always remind me of the back of the memorial card of the priest who inspired my vocation. Granted, the lectionary now has the new translation, but I will share the words of the old translation that graced that card:

My children, I address you, for you are strong, and the Word of God remains in you, and you have conquered the evil one.

Have no love for the world, nor the things that the world affords. If anyone loves the world, the Father's love has no place in him, for nothing that the world affords comes from the Father.

Carnal allurements, enticements for the eye, the life of empty show --- all these are from the world. And the world with its seductions is passing away but the man who does God's will endures forever.

- 1 John 2:14-17

Anna the prophetess loved God so much that she dedicated most of her life in the temple, where she "worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer." Upon seeing Jesus, "she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem." May we rejoice on this Christmas Day for the gift of Jesus!

Merry Christmas!

God Love You!

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