

After several years of teaching alone, Adele gathered around her other women who would assist her teaching mission. They were blessed with much support, not only financially, but by the men and women who stepped forward to build a convent, school, and a larger wooden chapel on the grounds to accommodate the faithful in 1861. The words “Notre Dame De Bon Secours, Priez Pour Nous” was inscribed over the chapel’s entrance, translated as “Our Lady of Good Help, Pray for Us”

-Bernard Kellett

Entrance antiphon: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First Reading: Isaiah: 25:6-10

Responsorial Psalm: 22: In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell for ever and ever/R

Second Reading: Philippians 4: 12-14,19-20

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew: 22: 1-14

Memorial Acclamation: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Communion Antiphon: When the Lord appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.



Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle A, 2023 Weekly Reflection: Marian Shrine (2) Our Lady of Good Help, USA -ii

(Continued from last week...) After Mass, Adele spoke to her parish priest, and he instructed her that if the lady appeared to her again to ask the question, “In God’s name, who are you and what do you want of me?” On her journey home, Adele saw the lady for the third time. As she and her

companions approached the hallowed spot, Adele could see the beautiful lady, clothed in dazzling white, with a yellow sash around her waist. Her dress fell to her feet in graceful folds. She had a crown of stars around her head, and her long golden wavy hair fell loosely over her shoulders. The lady had such a heavenly light around her that Adele could hardly look at her face. Overcome by the light, Adele fell to her knees and said, “In God’s name, who are you, and what do you want of me?”

The lady replied, “I am the Queen of Heaven who prays for the conversion of sinners, and I wish you to do the same. You received Holy Communion this morning and that is well. But you must do more. Make a general confession and offer Communion for the conversion of sinners. If they do not convert and do penance, my Son will be obliged to punish them.”

Then, wrapped as it were in a luminous atmosphere, Our Lady lifted her hands as though she were beseeching a blessing for those at her feet. Slowly, she vanished from sight, leaving Adele overwhelmed and prostrated on the ground. This was the simple beginning of Adele’s mission to become a teacher for the Lord and the Blessed Lady.

After the apparitions and following Mary’s instruction, Adele would venture as far as fifty miles to teach the children. She was undeterred by weather, fatigue, or ridicule and would go from home-to-home offering to do household chores in exchange for the privilege of teaching the children their catechism. Adele’s father built a small family chapel soon after the apparitions.