

While walking along a trail in the woods, Adele saw a lady dressed in white, standing between two trees believed to be a maple and hemlock. Although the mysterious woman stayed silent, it left Adele wondering what sort of encounter it may have been. When Adele told her family, they believed her but thought perhaps it was a soul in purgatory visiting this earthly life asking for prayers.

A few days later, on what is believed to be Sunday, October 9, 1859, Adele walked to Mass with her sister and a friend. The church was 10 miles away from home, but Adele made the journey every Sunday, no matter the weather. Along the same path, Adele saw the mysterious lady standing in the same spot between the two trees. However, Adele being the only one to see her, she and her companions continued their journey to Mass. 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?" *(Continued next week.....)*

-Bernard Kellett

Entrance antiphon: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First Reading: Isaiah: 5: 1-7

Responsorial Psalm: 79: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Second Reading: Philippians 4: 6-9

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew: 21: 33-43

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

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.



Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion, also dedicated as the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help, is a Marian shrine, located within the Diocese of Green Bay in the United States of America. The chapel is in the Champion section of Green Bay, about 16 miles northeast of downtown Green Bay proper. It stands on the site of the reported Marian apparition to a Belgian-born woman, Adele Brise, in the year 1859. The apparition was formally approved on December 8, 2010, by Bishop David L. Ricken, becoming the first Marian apparition approved by the Catholic Church in the United States. Bishop Ricken also approved the chapel as a diocesan shrine, recognizing its long history as a place of pilgrimage and prayer.

Adele Brise (Brice) was born in Belgium to Lambert and Catherine Brise on January 30, 1831. Although she suffered an accident at a young age that left her blind in her right eye, those who knew her best describe her cheerfulness, fervent piety, and simple religious ways.

Upon receiving her first Holy Communion, Adele and a few close friends promised the Blessed Virgin Mary that they would devote their lives to becoming religious teaching sisters in Belgium. However, this promise grew difficult to keep when her parents decided to move to America alongside other Belgium settlers. After seeking advice from her confessor, she was told to be obedient to her parents. He assured her that if the Lord willed her to become a teacher and a sister, she would serve in that vocation in America.

After the six-week voyage to America, the Brise family joined the largest Belgian settlement – near present-day Champion, Wisconsin. Belgian pioneers' and settlers' lives were difficult, and many died in the harsh Wisconsin winters. Adele served her family's needs by often taking grain to the grist mill.