

"See the Doctor Before You Go Home."

Death is about the only thing that will excuse you from the 5% penalty. There are specialists on the campus for the following spiritual diseases:

Anemia.

Weak faith. You need some red corpuscles. Ask your confessor to interpret for you the 14th Chapter of St. Paul's epistle to the Romans: "He that is weak, let him eat herbs,"

Malaria.

Spiritual Languor. Unless you volunteer to take something as bitter as quinine, God will send you an affliction to help you realize your condition.

Boils.

Scruples. They're only skin deep but they make a lot of trouble. Have them opened up, and let them drain until they're cured. Other people have been cured -- but only with the knife.

Typhoid Fever.

Rotten insides. Scour them, and then fast.

Neurasthenia.

The fear of a bad confession. The priest is there to keep you from making a bad confession. Don't worry about your purpose of amendment. A perfectly good will not to sin may coexist with a judgment of the intellect that you will sin again. If you are resolved here and now to avoid sin and its occasions, forget your fear*. You may not live to realize it. It's an old dodge of the devil.

Hydrophobia.

Fear of water. Some people have a horror of cleaning up, because they are afraid they will have to stay clean. Turn the hose on them.

Cancer.

Occasions of sin. Submit to the x-ray before cancer consumes you.

Yellow Jaundice.

Spiritual Pessimism. There is nothing like calomel to wake up a torpid liver.

Under-Nourishment.

Some people go on a hunger strike against grace. Forced nourishment may restore mental equilibrium.

Small-Pox.

Very contagious. Don't nurse it unless you are vaccinated, and then limit your attention to bathing the patient. And keep him isolated.