

Religious Bulletin

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Prayers.

Bert Sigerson, of Bay St. Louis, Miss., a student in Howard Hall last year, lost his father two weeks ago, and sends a request for prayers for his soul. A student asks prayers for his chum's father, who is dangerously ill. A man in Chicago, not connected in any way with the University, writes for prayers for the relief of his suffering and for restoration to health so that he can continue to support his little family. One of the priests asks prayers for his niece, who is suffering from scarlet fever.

The Greek Christmas Tomorrow.

On December 25 we commemorate the appearance of Our Lord to the Jews, on January 6 His manifestation to the Gentiles. The Feast of the Epiphany is also called the Greek Christmas, because in the Greek Church it is celebrated with more solemnity than is Christmas Day. Specifically, it is the Feast of the Three Magi who came from the East to offer their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh (symbols of kingship, divinity and humanity) to the New-born King.

There were millions of fools in the East when Our Saviour was born, but only Three Wise Men. If you had been alive then would there have been a Fourth Wise man, or only one more fool?

Examine your conscience well before you answer. If you are still bragging about how much liquor you and your mother drank during the holidays, check in with the million.

First Friday is Here.

Day after tomorrow is the First Friday of January. The program will be as usual: Mass of Exposition at 6:30, confessions all day Thursday in the Sorin Hall chapel with the exception of the 2:15 class period.

PLEASE Be Reasonable.

It is perfectly obvious that two thousand confessions cannot be heard during the Mass Friday morning. The priests will do their best, but their best is not good enough for that. If your conscience feels right, defer your confession until Friday evening; if it doesn't, get your confession in before Friday morning. There are always those who can't think to get their confession in beforehand; cater to them, don't swell their crowd on Friday morning.

You can go to confession today, for that matter. You should certainly receive Holy Communion tomorrow if you are a Gentile in good standing. Confessions will be heard all day in the Sorin Hall chapel, without the intervention of the 2:15 class period that will come as an interruption tomorrow. -- Or go tonight in the hall chapel.

The Holidays Locally.

Christmas was peaceful here. The Californians enjoyed the blues thoroughly until news came of the tremors that wrecked the New Year's parties at Mexicali; then they were put on the defensive. The basketball men sacrificed much of the vacation, if not all of it, to train for Northwestern; their sacrifice bore excellent fruit twice. The pucksters got two more days of vacation than the basketballers, but they came back only to find the ice melting. Say a prayer for them while they are on the road. The girls were lonesome, and the merchants and theatre impresarios pined away. It was a good Christmas altogether: there was midnight Mass at St. Mary's.