

Religious Bulletin
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Daily Mass During Lent.

There is no form of Lenten sacrifice more pleasing to God and more profitable spiritually than daily attendance at Mass. The Mass puts you in the very presence of the Passion itself; it is not even a renewal of Calvary: it is Calvary itself, with time and space miraculously removed. It is the very essence of Lent, for it is the true Sacrifice, of which all other Christian sacrifice is but a participation, it is the Passion of Christ, and it is preparation for the glorious Resurrection.

Following the Mass during Lent with a Missal will give you a deeper insight into your religion than you have ever had before. The Lenten Masses are among the most ancient in the liturgy of the Church, and they are the most beautiful of them all. Each Mass is dedicated to some Lenten mystery: each Mass recalls some phase of the early history of the Church; each one contains synchronized lessons from the Old Testament and the New. The Catholic Church really began with Adam; Christianity was but the fulfillment of God's Providence for mankind. The daily-changing parts of the Mass review this history. You can't make a mistake in choosing daily Mass as a penance for Lent.

Flowers For Forty Hours.

The following letter is self-explanatory:

"Batavia, N.Y., Feb. 3, 1929.

"Rev. dear Father: Our dear son, Edmund G. Glade, was a student at the University, and died there October 24th, 1925. I read in the Religious Bulletin sent me by one of the students that Forty Hours Devotion starts next Sunday. Will you please use the enclosed check for flowers for the altar for that time. May I also ask you to have the students remember Edmund in their Communions at that time. ---Mora E. Glade."

This beautiful remembrance is appreciated, and we are sure that Edmund Glade's soul will receive a share in your Holy Communions, your prayers, and your acts of adoration next Sunday and during the next two days. Edmund was a quiet boy who led a beautiful exemplary life, and his sudden death was a great shock. He was the only child of devoted parents, who still grieve his loss; they also deserve a share in your prayers. A ciborium used for the distribution of Holy Communion in the church and basement chapel is their gift in memory of their son.

New Faces and Old.

Among the communicants in the Sorin chapel and the church the past few days are several students who have been away from the University for some time -- some of them for a year or more. It is good to see them back in the chapel, and it is encouraging to find them returning so promptly to the practice of daily Communion. -- And while we are speaking of faces it is not out of order to remark that among those seen at the Rail for the blessing of throats last Sunday were many that had not been seen so close to the Sanctuary this year. They will be seen again Ash Wednesday, presented for ashes, and again on Palm Sunday, when their wearers seek palms; their last appearance will be Trinity Sunday, when they will receive First Holy Communion for 1928-29. They are welcome, whether for Sacramentals or Sacraments; and they are doubly welcome if they advance Trinity Sunday observance for a few months or weeks.

The Seniors Begin to Learn.

From now on the seniors begin to learn what Notre Dame is all about. Some who have not been daily communicants since their freshman year are coming again now. The approach of the end brings reflection. Not let them re-read "Ideals of Youth."