
This May Be Your Last Chance.

Few people know exactly when they are going to die; most of those are informed by the judge. Yesterday's curious items told of a man of seventy-three who said to some friends who had come to present birthday greetings: "You have come just in time to see me die." Five minutes later he was dead. Few people can call the trick just like that. If they could give even five minutes' advance warning they would be what we call "prepared."

What we are most concerned about for that moment of death is the state of grace. What we would do mighty well to be concerned about is the amount of penance we have done for our sins. Purgatory is not eternal, but that's about the only thing about it that is unlike hell.

This may be our last chance to pay some of the debts our sins have incurred. Don't flatter yourself that when absolution is pronounced you go scot free. If you have committed mortal sin and have made a good confession, there is no longer fear of hell; but there may be a long, long session in purgatory ahead of you if you neglect penance for forgiven sin.

Lent is for Penance. The Church gives us the reminder when She sprinkles ashes on our foreheads and says: "Remember, man, that thou art dust, and unto dust thou shalt return." And, sadly enough, God has, during the past two Lents, chosen an automobile accident to prove that the Church's warning is not in vain. Three of the last five Lents have been marked with the sign of death.

If you are going to make this Lent, make it a good one; if you are going to serve the devil, do a good job of that. God gives you a chance. You have the use of reason.

Masses Tomorrow For Judge Wooten.

The Law School will have a Mass tomorrow at 8:00, the University at 6:15, for the repose of the soul of Judge Wooten. Confessions will be heard during the Masses, and Holy Communion may be received at both Masses.

Early And Late Masses.

The early Masses for Lenten penance are the 5:30 in the Sorin chapel, and the 6:00 in the hall chapels generally (including the basement chapel). The late Mass is at 7:20. It is intended for off-campus students who can't get around earlier.

The State Of Grace For Lent.

It is common sense, of course, to live in the state of grace all the time. To make this an objective for Lent, if you haven't concerned yourself particularly with it in the past, is a highly commendable resolution. Self-interest dictates it. You get so much happiness out of living in the state of grace, and so much misery out of mortal sin, that you have to be dulled to your own interests to neglect it.

The Meat Law Again.

If you are really doing your work, the Bishop of the diocese of Fort Wayne dispenses you from the fast and abstinence, except that you are not allowed to eat meat on Ash Wednesday and the Wednesday of Holy Week, any Friday, and the morning of Holy Saturday.

Prayers.

Edward Arthur's mother died Monday. Three special intentions.