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Caps in Adoration:
Sat. - 8:30; 12:00(2);
1:30; 2:30(2); 3:00; 3:30

Saint Patrick.

No matter what legend or fancy may have done to the story of St. Patrick, no matter what land or what people claim his birthplace or his ancestry, no matter what theories may be evolved regarding his scholarship or lack of it, certain facts remain:

1. St. Patrick converted Ireland, the whole of it, without a single martyr;
2. He gave it the Faith so thoroughly that its record of fidelity is unique;
3. He planted the seed that made it the land of saints and scholars;
4. His work carried over the world to bring Christianity and civilization to a large part of Europe, to keep learning alive through the dark ages, and to kindle the fires of Faith in every continent.

Saint Joseph.

Holy Scripture calls him "a just man." Therein is contained every encomium that can be paid to a Saint. Chosen from among all men to be the guardian of Jesus and Mary, St. Joseph has a long list of titles to our veneration. To students we propose him as a model of obedience, fidelity to duty, chastity, honesty. To prospective heads of families we propose him as patron of happy marriage. To Catholics who pray for protection against a sudden and unprovided death we propose him as patron of a happy death.

On Monday, his feastday, we will offer the Holy Mass for the next one of us to die. St. Joseph had the happiest death that a man can know: he died in the arms of Jesus and Mary. In your Holy Communion Monday unite your intentions with those of the celebrant and pray that the next one of us who is called will be ready to go forth unafraid

Easter Duty.

Next Tuesday, March 20, we make our Easter Duty. Every student in the University is asked to receive Holy Communion in his hall chapel. Those who have been receiving daily, or who have received at least once since the first Sunday in Lent, when the season began for the fulfillment of this precept, are asked to receive again.

This common act of faith has a powerful stimulating influence on those who find it hard to go to confession. Your aid in encouraging slackers will be appreciated - not only by Notre Dame and the Catholic Church, but by the slackers themselves. You know how your roommate stands on this, you know something about your next-door neighbor. Do your part to help those who find it hard - God has a special reward for missionaries.

They used to tell this story of Father Elliot, the great Paulist missionary, who was a student at Notre Dame before he joined the army in the Civil War. Years later, when he was giving a mission, he was called to the parlor to see a companion of War days. They exchanged reminiscences for a while, and finally his cronic said: "Walter, do you remember the time I made you go to confession when you didn't want to go?" "Yes, of course I do," said Father Elliot. "That was a great night. And one good turn deserves another. The pastor tells me you haven't gone in a long time. Get down on your knees." "No, oh no," protested his friend, "not now. I'll go tomorrow, or some other time." "That's what I tried to tell you that night," said Father Elliot, "but you wouldn't listen. Down on your knees." And Father Elliot returned the favor.

THIRD SUNDAY: Mass of Exposition at 9:00, with silent Holy Hour for those who missed yesterday. Bengal Mission Collection. Notre Dame Indulgence.

8:00 Mass Sunday, for the late Prof. Philips (Knights of Columbus).

PRAYERS: Deceased - Dick Flood's father; the father of John Robert Long, ex-'18; James Godfroy's father (anniversary); Gerald Klein's brother; Bill Gibson's grandfather; a friend of a student. Ill - Rev. Wm. A. Maloney, C.S.C.; a friend of a student.