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Christmas Novena For Your Parents.

This Christmas Novena of Masses and Communions starts next Tuesday, December 8, feast of the Immaculate Conception, and ends on Wednesday, December 16, day before you leave for home. You may, if necessary, offer your Mass and Holy Communion on December 8 for a double intention: for purity, and for your parents.

You will be busy Wednesday, December 16, day before you leave for home. Therefore, to give you every opportunity to make a half-hour period of adoration for your parents on nine consecutive days, adoration will start in the main church next Monday-- a day earlier than the beginning of your novena of Masses and Communions. Adoration on Tuesday, December 8, and on the following Sunday, will be in the evening only, from 6:30 until after the 7:30 Benediction service.

Hence and double hence for clarity--the Christmas Novena for Parents consisting of

- (a) Masses and Holy Communions will start Tuesday, the morning of December 8 and end on Wednesday, the morning of December 16;
- (b) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will start Monday, December 7, and end on Tuesday, December 15. Adoration on Tuesday, December 8, and on Sunday, December 13, will be from 6:30 in the evening until after the second Benediction service. On the seven other days of the Novena adoration will be from 7:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Special Christmas bouquets cards will be available for you at the Dillon and Sorin Pamphlet Racks and in the office of the Prefect of Religion, 117 Dillon Hall. No charge as usual; but, my, my, close your eyes and drop in a dime just to hear the sound.

This Matter of Mass on Sundays and Holydays.

Through His Church, God demands, under pain of mortal sin, that you take time out to worship Him by hearing at least one Mass on every Sunday and holyday. The God Who created you, Who redeemed you, and Who will one day judge you, certainly has full rights to make that demand. You have a grave obligation of acceding to that demand without quibble or compromise.

Don't go to sleep like an ostrich the night before a Sunday or holyday without taking the necessary precautions to get up in time for Mass. If you're a heavy sleeper (especially heavy on Sundays and holydays) have some strong-armed friend awake you with emphasis.

You sin gravely if, on a Sunday or holyday, you come to your Mass of obligation as the priest is unveiling the chalice--even if you hear the rest of the Mass to the very end.

You sin gravely if you come into your Mass of obligation at the Gospel and then leave at the Communion.

You commit a venial sin if through carelessness or indifference you miss any other minor part of your Mass of obligation on a Sunday or holyday. If you expect God to bless you through the Mass, where's the sense of starting off with a deliberate venial sin?

Always be in your place in the church before the priest comes out to the altar, and remain in your place in the church until the priest has left the altar.

Don't get up at nine and try to make the nine-o'clock Mass; don't go to breakfast at eight and then hurry over to the eight-o'clock Mass; don't try to make the 10:15.