

MASSSES TOMORROW: 6, 7, 8, University of Notre Dame
and 9. No later Mass on Religious Bulletin
the campus! May 5, 1937.

Friday is the First Friday
of the month. Confessions
at night prayer Thursday.

Transformation Of The Early Christians.

The Ascension of Our Lord was a day of great moment in the early Church.

Mary and the apostles and other followers were led by Christ out of Jerusalem a short journey to the Mount of Olives. There from the eminence they could see the still-glorious temple in Jerusalem; they could see the narrow, stuffy streets that had been the scene of Christ's recent teachings and miracles. They could recognize the Cenacle where He had instituted the Blessed Eucharist. Momentarily their eyes rested on sad and holy Calvary, and they were filled with sacred memories.

As they knelt before Jesus, this Thursday, on the holy Mount of Olives, He lifted up His hands to bless them in affectionate farewell. But anxieties seized them at the thought of His going. He had been their only hope and without Him what would they do?

"Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom of Israel?" they asked. Are you leaving without accomplishing your work? Who then will bring it about?

Our Lord answers them and, in His last audible words on earth, rebukes them for their lack of confidence: "It is not for you to know the times or the moments which the Father has put in His own power, but you shall receive the power of the Holy Ghost coming upon you, and you shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem and in Judea and Samaria, even to the uttermost parts of the earth."

You shall do the work, you poor ignorant weaklings. Never fear. The power of the Holy Ghost shall make you strong apostles and martyrs of the new Faith.

As they pondered the weight of His words, He was lifted up and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

Then two angels dressed in white garments appeared suddenly. They spoke with finality: "Ye men of Galilee, why stand you looking up to Heaven? This Jesus who is taken up from you into heaven, shall come as you have seen Him go into heaven." Don't stand idly here any longer. You have a great work to accomplish. Get busy.

According to Scripture, Mary and the apostles and disciples went back joyfully to the Cenacle in Jerusalem to prepare for the coming of the Holy Ghost. The nine-day period between the Ascension and Pentecost they spent in the upper room "persevering with one mind in prayer." That was the first Novena ever made.

It was a Novena to the Holy Ghost for light and courage, and it brought about the transformation of the world.

Our Novena.

Our Novena to the Holy Ghost, which starts Friday and ends on the day before Pentecost, should be modelled after theirs.

All of us are fearful and hesitant to become Christians after Christ's own heart. Most probably that is why Christianity is not spreading more rapidly. Let us ask that this Novena may help to make us exemplars and modern apostles of the old Faith.

Iowa Club Mass at 8 o'clock tomorrow; breakfast at 9.

May devotions postponed until Friday night at 7 and 7:30.

PRAYERS: (ill) father of James Kennedy, '29; wife of Prof. John T. Frederick, seriously injured in auto accident; sister of Joe Minarick (Al.); grandmother of Bill Luson (Dil.); Mary Louise Wills; Mrs. Hosinski; Edward Grimes (How.); John Donohue; William Meyer (Freshman). One special intention.