

(FOR THE CATHOLIC STUDENT AT NOTRE DAME)

Daily Adoration closes  
today.....

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You will never get peace  
of conscience by staying  
away from confession.

You Are Guilty Of The Death Of This Man.

It will be a tonic for you to drop the Chaplin trial from your thoughts. The Lonergan murder case in New York is bogging down. And the Elkhart morals case just closed with a life imprisonment sentence for the murder. So your mind is free to give its full attention to the trial of the man who died for you.

Don't forget what happened to this Man who was willing to undergo an unjust trial to save you. He was spat upon, mocked, crowned with sharp thorns, scourged and finally nailed to a wooden cross, a criminal's gibbet. Sin caused that humiliation and suffering. You were guilty, but Christ loved you. That's why He willed to die for you, His brother.

Don't say the Passion and Death of Christ is all history. The shedding of blood is past, and the bitter suffering. But the willingness on the part of Our Lord to die for you is not past. That willingness expressed on Calvary is re-expressed in every Mass that is celebrated. Love for Christ will prompt you to express your willingness to accept your sorrows, responsibilities and duties. Your prayerful assistance at the Sacrifice of the Mass demonstrates your desire to be united with your Redeemer.

During Holy Week the expression of your love and reparation should be without limit. Attendance at Mass every day, and a full Mass, will prove your love of Christ. There were three apostles with Our Lord when He began His Passion with the Agony in the Garden. Don't be like them -- they slept.

Why The Palm.

A few days before His Passion, Our Lord rode to Jerusalem on a colt. The Jews hearing of His approach went out to meet Him, holding palm branches in their hands, and loudly and sincerely proclaiming Christ to be their king. Some of those who welcomed Christ spread their garments on the way; others cut down boughs from the palm-trees, and strewed them along the road. The crowd shouted "Hosanna" -- a cry of triumph -- as they led Jesus into Jerusalem as their king.

For the Jew, to hold a branch in the hand was sign of joy. The Jews, therefore, went with palms to testify to Jesus their delight and joy in His kingship. We should take the palm on Palm Sunday in our hand to testify to Christ our joy that He is our King, the Conqueror of death and the Deliverer of His people.

Blessed Palm will be distributed during the High Mass Sunday. Hold it in your hand during the chanting of the Passion. By this emblem of triumph you will greet Christ as your King and at the same time you will offer protest against the insults offered Him by His many enemies. When you see Christ trampled underfoot, should you not -- the more loudly proclaim Him as your God and Leader?

High Mass Sunday Starts at 8:00 (not 9:00).

The change is for this Sunday only, Palm Sunday. No change in the time of the other Masses: 6, 6:45, 7:30, 10:10. Palms will be blessed before the 8:00 o'clock Mass. At the High Mass, the Passion as told by St. Matthew will be chanted by three priests. No sermon at any of the Masses. Read the long Gospel in the Sunday Missal.

PRAYERS. (deceased) Sister Lisetta, C.S.C. (Superior of N.D. Convent); Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dunn (Chicago); Rt. Rev. William Griffin (Bishop of LaCrosse); mother of Lieut. Jack Chevigny; Msgr. Barry O'Toole; relative of Brother Alexix, C.S.C. (Ill) Bob Snyder, ex'47. Three Special Intentions. One Thanksgiving.