

(FOR THE CATHOLIC STUDENT AT NOTRE DAME)

Holy Thurs. Mass:  
in civilian halls at  
usual time; military halls  
at 5:00 P.M.; in Church  
at 7:00 A.M.

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No Mass Good Friday, but  
attend P.M. devotions.  
Easter Confessions tonight.  
Live in State of Grace.

Two Sacred Days.

The next time you visit the Basement Chapel of the campus church, look at the carving at the base of the main altar. It depicts Abraham, dagger in hand, about to kill his beloved son, Isaac. God Himself, to try the fidelity of Abraham, told him to sacrifice his son. Without hesitation, Abraham proceeded to carry out the Holy Will of God. Just as Abraham was about to strike the death blow, an angel of the Lord stayed his hand.

That carving is ideally located, on an altar at which Mass is offered. Abraham manifested to Almighty God his willingness to keep God's wishes, even to the extent of taking the life of his son. In the Mass, our Blessed Savior, like Abraham, manifests His willingness to serve God His Father by the obedience He expressed on the Cross - unto death.

In virtue of this reverent re-offering of Himself to the Father's will at Mass, Christ moves His Father to grant man forgiveness and endless blessings, spiritual and temporal. All the grace, all the inspirations and strength obtained by any person has its source in the Mass. Saint and sinner receive help from the Mass whether they realize it or not. "It is the Mass that matters."

Show Gratitude Tomorrow.

Tomorrow, Holy Thursday, we commemorate the institution of the Mass, the Lord's Supper. Love for Christ, love for one's soul will draw every Catholic to perform three acts on this memorable day.

1. Attendance at Mass -- at which he will frequently express to God, in union with Christ, his willingness to do God's Holy Will (to be a good student, to carry his cross of study and disappointments cheerfully, etc.)
2. Reception of Holy Communion -- There is immeasurable grace in the taking of the Divine Food. Christ wants, yearns, to pour this grace into the soul. The person who loves Christ and loves his own soul will come to the Communion rail for this spiritual refreshment.
3. Period of Adoration (one-half hour) -- The chief source of blessings for the Notre Dame student flow from the devotion of the campus to the Eucharist. Students can recall where they sought consolation in trial or when in need of a special favor -- before the Blessed Sacrament. Now, on the anniversary of the institution of the Eucharist, is the time to express gratitude to Our Lord for His loving Presence. A short period of adoration is a "must" on the Holy Thursday program of every Catholic.

The Pelican.

When you kneel before the Lady Altar in the Church making your adoration, let your eyes drop to the base of the altar. There you will see a carving of a pelican feeding her young ones. She is feeding her offspring by digging out bits of her own flesh to give to her hungry children, lest they die of starvation...In Holy Communion Christ gives us His Flesh. He feeds us with His charity, His Patience, His purity. The more we eat of Him, the more we become like to Him. He is the Divine Pelican. The carving will help your heart beat out its thanksgiving.

SPECIAL GOOD FRIDAY DEVOTIONS FOR SERVICEMEN: (2:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. in Dillon and Cavanaugh Hall Chapels) Hymn, opening prayers, meditation, STATIONS, rosary and blessing with relic of True Cross.

ALL ARE WELCOME AT WAY OF THE CROSS IN CHURCH AT 3:00 P.M.