

Little time for CONFESSION  
at Sunday Mass - no sermon.  
So please go TONIGHT.

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Novena for Exams begins  
Ash Wednesday: daily Mass  
Communion, visit to Grotto.

Forty Hours -- An Opportunity For All.

In 1527 the city of Milan, Italy was terribly scourged by disease and famine. To all this was added the fear of invasion from enemies that had just sacked Rome. In their plight the people had recourse to prayer. They went with their priest to the church, and before the tabernacle in adoration, they begged God to take away the evils surrounding them. For forty consecutive hours groups of adorers kept watch in prayer before Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. And their prayer was heard; Milan was spared.

The news of the efficacy of the forty hours of prayer spread rapidly. The devotion soon received the approval of the Pope. In 1853 the Exposition was introduced in the United States. Ten years later it was approved for the entire country. So now every diocese has the Forty Hours Devotion.

Somewhere in the diocese in which you are living the Forty Hours is being carried on by some parish. One parish starts the Adoration when another leaves off. The schedule is so arranged that there is ALWAYS, as far as possible, Exposition going on with some of the faithful at prayer before the altar.

Forty Hours for Notre Dame starts Sunday. Now it is your turn to come to the church to pray to Christ for the rest of us, for the parish, the university, for peace and for your own needs. THIS IS A TIME OF SPECIAL GRACE AND RICH BLESSINGS. In virtue of our united prayer, Our Lord will hear us more quickly, and even grant us favors we would ordinarily not receive.

The Forty Hours is an opportunity for students about to leave Notre Dame for new fields of endeavor. Graduating seniors, departing ROTC's and V-12 and draftees should spend at least one half-hour of Adoration in asking Christ to bless their future and to protect them. Students who wish to obtain the maximum of blessings will assist at the Solemn Mass at 8:30. The Mass, the procession of the Blessed Sacrament which follows it and the chanting of the Litany of the Saints are among the most inspiring ceremonies of the Church.

If everyone makes a period of Adoration, the day of Victory and Peace will be hastened immensely.

Sunday 8:30 A.M. Solemn Mass opening Forty Hours (No 9:00 Mass)  
7:00 P.M. Sermon, Benediction for all students.

Monday 7:00 P.M. Sermon, Benediction for all.

Tuesday 7:00 P.M. Formal closing with procession and Benediction for all.  
Adoration all morning and afternoon of Sun. Mon. and Tues.  
(Sign up for a half-hour period on any day.)

MASS AND HOLY COMMUNION ARE AN INTIMATE PART OF FORTY HOURS.  
ADORATION IS NOT COMPLETE WITHOUT THESE. Mass will be offered at the usual time in your hall chapel.

Servicemen may assist at all the evening services provided they log out on Monday and Tuesday before leaving their barracks, and log in. Permission has been granted for them to miss evening muster.

Ash Wednesday -- Beginning of Lent.

6:45 A.M. Blessing and distribution of Ashes, followed by Mass in Church.  
All civilian students are to assist at this Mass. No hall Mass.

5:00 P.M. Mass (and Ashes) in military halls for servicemen.

THE MOST EFFICACIOUS PRACTICE YOU CAN PERFORM FOR YOUR LENT IS DAILY MASS AND COMMUNION