

Tragedy.

If mortal sin were a monster, a Frankenstein, men would run from its very shadow. But since sin is a spiritual being, something whose enormity cannot be touched with the hand and whose ugliness cannot be seen with the human eye, it is frequently an evil that has no power to frighten or to move one to repentance.

God, however, wants men to have a horror of sin. He wants them to consider it the greatest of evils. And to impress this upon their minds, he has inspired the writers of the Bible to give us some vivid accounts of the disasters that have befallen men because of their sins. It is profitable to recall some of the well-known stories that every Catholic has heard.

Adam broke God's command and an angel came from Heaven immediately and drove him out of the Garden of Paradise. With that first sin came sickness and death, and every other evil the world has known.

Onan practiced birth control and God slew him on the spot for his sin.

The citizens of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha had given themselves up to fornication and other sins of the flesh. God destroyed the cities and their inhabitants by fire and brimstone.

Lot's wife was told, along with the rest of her family, not to turn back and look at the burning Sodom and Gomorrha. She disobeyed and she was turned into a statue of salt.

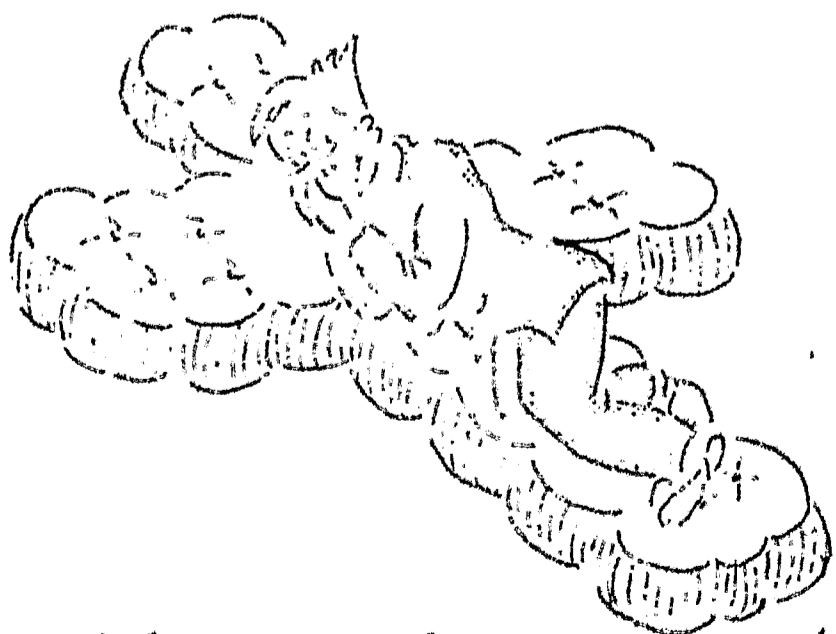
The Jews under the leadership of Moses murmured when God was good enough to feed them miraculously in the desert. A great plague came to punish them.

Men would not fall so easily into mortal sin, if they reflected on the punishments God has in store for the insults given Him and His Laws.

The Bishop Orders A Substitute.

On the document in which our Bishop grants a dispensation to the Notre Dame students, employees and professors and their families from the Lenten fast and abstinence, there is this note:

The dispensation "is granted on condition that those who avail themselves of it will substitute other forms of penitential works, such as attendance at public Lenten devotions, or weekly Mass, and the practice of voluntary abstinence in some form, such as abstention from alcoholic beverages or too worldly amusements."



PRAYERS: (deceased) grandfather of Edward Haun (OC); Joe O'Brien, friend of Ed Kane (Dil); Sister Joseph Terzitta (Ill) nephew of Father McDowell O.C. Three special Intentions. One Thanksgiving.

Did you sleep in today?

Lenten Devotion every Wed.

6:45 East Campus
7:15 West Campus

Fr Sweeney to Preach