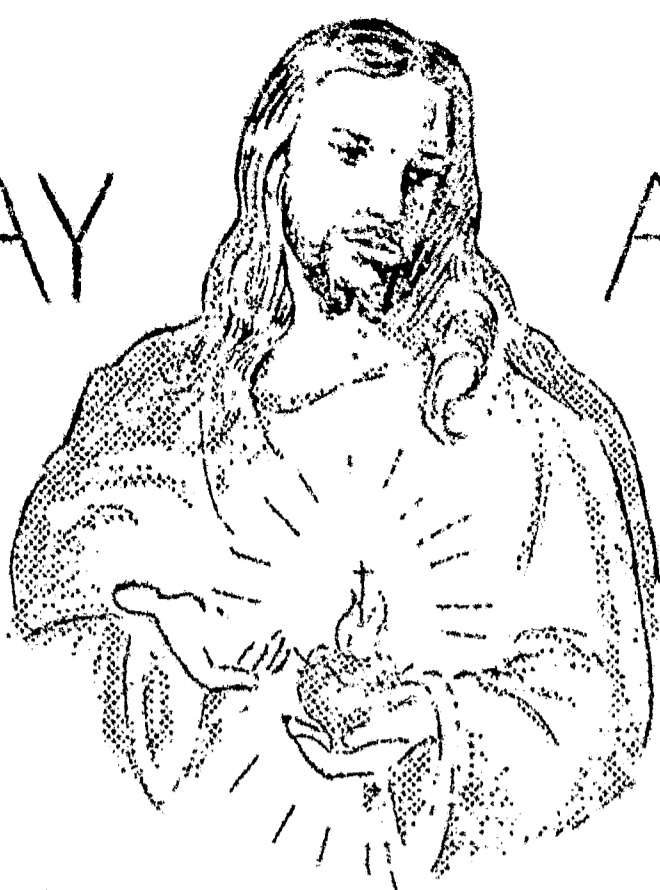


# FIRST FRIDAY

*Lady Chapel*

# ADORATION

8:00 to 5:00



## The First Friday Promise

You will be missing an important point in the revelation of Our Blessed Lord to St. Margaret Mary if you think of First Friday in terms of Holy Communion only.

First Friday in the plan of Our Saviour is to be a day of devotion to His Sacred Heart, and Holy Communion is to be received as a Communion of Reparation to that Sacred Heart for ones own sins and for the sins of others. Try to recall these points soon after rising Friday morning. When you try to direct everything you do during the day to the honor of the Sacred Heart you thereby make all your actions more meritorious.

A half-hour period of Adoration ought to be part of your First Friday. Visit the Lady Chapel in the Church when you have free time and spend it in prayer. A few minutes of your prayer ought to be given to acts of reparation. Among your acts of petition there should be one for success in the final eight weeks of school.

## What The Promise Means

The promise Our Blessed Lord made about First Friday is this: "I promise in the excessive mercy of My heart that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who communicate on the First Friday in nine consecutive months the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in my disgrace nor without receiving their Sacraments My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment."

The promise does not mean that a sinner just can't help but go to Heaven if he has made the Nine First Fridays. The promise implies that extra graces are given to all those who make the Nine Fridays, and these graces make it easy for them to save their soul.

It must not be forgotten that these extra graces, though offered by Christ, can be refused. And the sinner who has spent many years in abusing God's grace may even refuse to cooperate with the graces merited by his Nine First Fridays.

Christ drags sinners right up to the door of Heaven. He gives them a last minute peek at the joy offered to the Blessed, with the hope of converting a man from sin. But Christ forces no one across the line into Heaven.

So don't rest on your oars if you have made the Nine Fridays once or twice. Heaven will be yours only if you keep fighting temptation. Sinners go to Heaven. Sinners who stop trying to be good don't.

PRAYERS: (deceased) friend of Dick Wood (Morr); George P. Sullivan (Chicago);  
uncle of Dave Briscoll (B-F); sister-in-law of Father Elmer Gross, CSC. 5 Spec. Ints.

CONFESSIONS TONIGHT: BASEMENT CHAPEL: 6:30 to 7:30.

DILLON AND CAVANAUGH: 7:30 to 10:00