
Thank God For This Great Sacrament!

Where would we be without it? Suppose we had to travel eighty-three miles to go to confession. On campus simply walk down the corridor to the chapel, or across campus to Dillon or Cavanaugh.

First-class miracles at Lourdes are frequent. In confessionals first-class miracles are worked right and left. God draws good out of the evil in life. If sin were impossible, we would never breathe deeply the consolation of His Mercy.

Penance is the Sacrament of divine Forgiveness. Confessors act merely as agents dispensing that Mercy. It is not the priest but Christ Who forgives. "Who can forgive sins but God only?"

Raising Lazarus to life was a popular miracle. "Lazarus, come forth! And at once he who had been dead came forth, bound feet and hands . . . Jesus said to them: unbind him and let him go!"

"Unbind him and let him go!" Raising a soul from the death of mortal sin to the life of divine grace is a greater miracle of power than breathing breaths of life into corpses. Bodily corruption is foul, true enough. When Our Lord ordered the stone removed from the tomb where Lazarus had been buried four days, Martha protested: "Lord," she said, "he stinketh." The soul living in sin is far more offensive.

Transforming sinners from this repulsiveness to the life of divine friendship is a manifestation of such power that nothing, not even the act of creation, can be compared to it. "The good of grace in one is greater than the good of nature in the whole universe," says St. Thomas.

Frequent Confession.

In his Encyclical Letter THE MYSTICAL BODY OF CHRIST Pope Pius XII encourages frequent confession "to hasten daily progress along the path of virtue . . . By it self-knowledge is increased, Christian humility grows, bad habits are corrected, spiritual neglect and tepidity are countered, the conscience is purified, the will strengthened, a salutary self-control is attained and grace is increased . . ."

For Your Convenience Confessions Are Heard:

1. In all hall chapels during the students' Mass and during scheduled Night Prayer;
2. During the 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, o'clock Sunday Mass and the 7 o'clock Sunday night Benediction;
3. In Dillon chapel all weekday mornings and from 6 to 10 every evening;
4. In Cavanaugh chapel weekday mornings till 9:30 and evenings from 7 to 10;
5. In the basement chapel (rear of Sacred Heart Church) from 6 to 7:15 p.m.;
6. And whenever you ask any priest to hear your confession.

"Rejoice with me, because I have found my sheep that was lost. I say to you that, even so, there will be joy in heaven over one sinner who repents, more than over ninety-nine just who have no need of repentance." --John 15, 7.

Prayers: (deceased) Sister M. Leo, aunt of Father Healy; Jack Young, brother-in-law of Father Woodward; grandfather of Dan Murphy (Cav); mother of Fred, '29, and Robert, '31, Baer; uncle of Don Corillo (Alu); Gus Ryan, '41; John McMahon; Len Scalise.