Prayers: the grandmother of John Gleason died; also brother of Lester Zaczek, '53 ...

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University of Notre Dame ... 7 special intentions. (Missals at a reduced price still available, 117 Dillon.)

## Stay On Your Knees.

Keep up your prayers for Father Butler. . . and for Jim Aoki. The latest report on Jim's condition is that it is described as still critical. . . All other intentions recommended in the Religious Bulletin ought to be remembered daily. . . Renew your intentions to do so now.

## Feast Of St. Joseph Tomorrow.

St. Joseph is called a "just man" in Holy Writ. The word justice often stands in Scripture for the sum-total of Christian Virtues. Our Lord proclaims them blessed "Who hunger and thirst after justice," that is, after holiness of life. To St. Joseph God revealed the mystery of the Incarnation and "chose him among all" to be the guardian of the Holy Family. Divine Providence likewise has chosen him as the protector of the universal Church.

As patron of a happy death St. Joseph is prayed to most fervently--by devout Catholics every day of their lives. The hymn at Lauds in the divine office says that "Christ and the Virgin were with him at his last hour and watched by him their faces gleaming with sweet serenity." He is rightly venerated as the patron of the dying.

Offer Holy Communion tomorrow, assist at Mass in his honor, and ask him to obtain for you the grace that if you are called to a sudden, it will not be an unprovided death.

## Meditations On The Rosary.

In the March copy of the Catholic Digest appeared the first of a series of three meditations on the Rosary, the Joyful Mysteries. In the April edition is the second series, the Sorrowful Mysteries. They are written by Monsignor Fulton J. Sheen. These and all the series of his meditation on THE FIFTEEN MYSTERIES are now incorporated in a single pamphlet. Simply request THE FIFTEEN MYSTERIES by Megr. Sheen, and send your name and address with 10 cents to cover costs to the Catholic Disest, 41 E. 8th St., St. Paul 2, Minnesota.

At Fatima the Blessed Virgin told us only penance and prayer will save the world. "Pray the Rosary. Then Russia will be converted, and the world will have peace."

There is your challenge: Have you met it squarely? Do you pray the Rosary daily? What daily penance are you doing? Are you spending idle moments disproving the world situation but doing nothing to improve it?

Our world--your world--is facing its greatest darkness in 400 years. What are you doing to dispell this darkness? Trying to make a deal so that you'll have a soft job in the Service? The Blessed Virgin already has made a deal with you: "Pray and offer up sacrifices," she says. Father (Christopher) Keller puts it this way: "It is better to light one candle, than to curse the darkness;" as soon as there are more people "turning on the lights" then there are "turning them off,"--then--and only then--will the darkness disappear.

We wait somewhat impatiently for the illumination. About the Rosary Monsignor Sheen says, "The Rosary is psychologically one of the greatest of prayers, because it draws all our scattered human energies, mind, lips, and fingertips, into a single, unifying purpose. To those who find prayer difficult, the rhythmic movement of the fingers induces spiritual thoughts. To those who are used to mental prayer, the spiritual gains a new dimension when it spills over into the body and comes out on the tips of the fingers." (Blessed resaries available at the pamphlet racks.) Prayers: (deceased) grandfather of Paul Lovette (0-C); father of Ed Mertz (0-C).