

Note: You stood and
cheered the team endlessly
the other night in a great
show of N.D. spirit ...

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Advent Begins Sunday

Why not remember them to-
morrow morning on your
knees in the chapel -- to
complete the demonstration!

Advent is the season of preparation for Christmas -- for the coming of Our Lord. And Christmas, you know well, is a season of kindness; it marks the occasion when Divine Goodness came down from heaven and dwelt among men, and filled His days here with kindness, and compassion. The Gospel relates that, "He went about doing good."

The world waited four thousand years for the coming of the Redeemer. And it is this long period of waiting that the Church calls to our attention by the four Sundays of Advent. The liturgy is redolent of hope, and longing.

The coming of Our Lord to earth was a tremendous event -- the happiest event in the entire history of mankind. It marked the day of salvation for all humanity.

In the Church's mind our preparation for Christmas should be marked by two main ideas: penance whereby we prepare ourselves worthily for the coming of Christ into our hearts at Christmas; and secondly, to remind ourselves that Christ will come again in glory and triumph at the end of the world.

The Church tells us to prepare for Christmas by prayer and penance. Get up for Mass and Communion, these cold mornings -- that's an excellent beginning. If you are conscientious about your studies; if you sacrifice dates, or shows, or cut down on other social activities, you will be following in the spirit of Advent. And best of all -- you won't come up to Christmas morning empty-handed. These sacrifices are very pleasing to God. They merit His attention and His blessing on your life.

It is a kind of Christmas shopping in which you forget neither God nor yourself.

Note during these next four weeks how often in your Missal appear the echoes of the plaintive request of the Advent Season:

"Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the ways
of thine only-begotten Son, that through His coming
we may attain to serve Thee with purified minds."

Our Savings Account

The collection taken up at all the Masses on December 13 -- your last Sunday here before the Holidays begin -- will be given to a number of charities that have appealed to us for assistance. We dole out the nickels, and ask the recipients to pray for the donors. Start now to save a few nickels for this gift to God's poor. Who misses a lowly nickel these days? Listen to the lowly coin itself saying:

"I am a nickel
I am hardly on speaking terms with the candy man
I am too small to get on the bus, or into the movies
I cannot buy a cigar
I am no good for gas or oil
I am not fit to be a 'tip'
But - believe me, when I go to church I am SOME MONEY!"

Tonight -- at 6:45 -- The Novena to the Sorrowful Mother in Sacred Heart Church.

PRAYERS -- Deceased: grandfathers of Jack King of Farley, and John Chomeau of Lyons; grandmother of Dave Bickel of Alumni; uncle of Don Brophy of Lyons; Leonard Simons, '52; father of Father Lombardo, CSC; mother of Father Fay, CSC; Ed Wessner, '27, mother of Norb Mirrington, '49. Ill: Bro. Clement, CSC. 3 Sp. Intentions.