

Tonight at 6:45, the
Novena to the Sorrow-
ful Mother. Tonight, too..

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..Confessions for Seniors in
Sacred Heart, Walsh, Alumni
and Fisher chapels: 7:30-8:30

Please Note This Change.

There will be no 10 o'clock Mass this Sunday in Sacred Heart Church.

Palms will be blessed at the 9 o'clock Mass. And the ceremonies at this Mass will hold a deeper meaning for you if you follow them with your missal. The liturgy will be carried out in all its solemnity here at Notre Dame -- a most fitting introduction to the proper observance of Holy Week.

This Sunday, at the 9 o'clock Mass, the story of the Passion of Our Lord, according to St. Matthew, will be chanted. The characters in the drama will include (Christus, Petrus, the Chronista (story-teller), and the Turba (mob).

Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem will be enacted by a procession through the church with members of the clergy carrying palms, and the choir chanting the praise of the friends of Our Lord: "Hosannah to the Son of David. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord!"

Participating in the liturgy of Holy Week at Notre Dame might well be a high point in your education. Be sure to bring your missal. It will enable you to follow the ceremonies with attention and devotion; and intelligence, too.

Almsgiving

The Bible mentions three forms of penance pleasing to God -- prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. If you haven't done much praying, or fasting during Lent; if you have been a little shy on doing penance of any sort -- then put something in the poor box before you leave for the holidays. The alms that you give should be money you ordinarily earmark for entertainment. Remember; this isn't a form of buying your way into heaven. No, the idea is that you give the money to the poor, and do without the entertainment. Otherwise, there would be no sacrifice on your part.

The Weekend Retreats

This weekend, the entire campus pauses for a few hours of retreat. Distractions will be at a minimum. The Seniors mean business: they will have a two-day session with Father Daniel Lord, S.J., who will talk to them on subjects which they suggested as most vital in their lives. The whole idea of a closed retreat is theirs. You can help most by not distracting them, these days. Graduate Students are welcome to join with the Seniors in these spiritual exercises.

All the other halls will have a weekend of recollection with special conferences under the direction of their rectors. This will be an excellent time to talk over personal problems with God Himself in the quiet of the hall chapels; maybe to clear up some spiritual difficulty that has dogged you for the past months. Maybe you haven't been near the box for several weeks. Whatever it may be, remember that Notre Dame is taking time out for a little spiritual inventory, a little spiritual house-cleaning, this quiet, holy, spring weekend. See that everyone in the hall takes part.

Next week you'll be on the road. Just in case something happened -- and it could -- it will be mighty comforting to know that your affairs are in order; that you are ready to die; that you got everything straightened out this weekend. After all, that's the only way to live every day of your life -- prepared for any eventuality!

PRAYERS- Deceased: mother of Fr. Joseph Kehoe, CSC; uncle of Tom Parsley of Alumni: Bishop Hoowaarts, of Tsaochowfu, China, Uncle of Chas. Millman of Dillon. Critical: Rev. Bernard Ill, CSC, Mrs. Dale Francis.