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Still The Worst Tragedy

If mortal sin were a monster, a Frankenstein, men would run from its very shadow. But since sin is a spiritual being -- something whose enormity cannot be touched with the hand; and whose ugliness cannot be seen with the human eye -- it is frequently an evil that has no power to frighten, or to move one to repentance.

God, however, wants men to have a horror of sin. He wants them to consider it the greatest of evils. And to impress this upon their minds, he has inspired the writers of the Bible to give us some vivid accounts of the disasters that have befallen men because of their sins. It is profitable, at this time, to recall some of the well-known stories that every Christian has heard.

Adam broke God's command, and an angel came from Heaven immediately and drove him out of the Garden of Paradise. With that first sin came sickness, and death, and every evil the world has known.

Onan practiced birth control, and God slew him on the spot for his sin.

Citizens of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha had given themselves up to sins of the flesh. God destroyed the cities and their inhabitants by fire and brimstone.

The Jews, under the leadership of Moses, murmured when God was good enough to feed them miraculously in the desert. A great plague came to punish them.

Lot's wife was told, along with the rest of her family, not to turn back and look at the burning Sodom and Gomorrha. She disobeyed -- and was turned into a statue of salt.

Indeed, man would not fall so easily into mortal sin, if they reflected on the punishments God has in store for the insults given Him and His love.

The Best Safeguard...

against mortal sin during the summer vacation will be frequent Communion. Why? Because It unites us personally with Christ, and produces a great increase of grace in our souls. Furthermore, It makes us eager to be good, and strengthens our wills in that direction. Again, It is a kind of insulation which covers the soul and preserves us from sin. It can render us virtually immune to the wiles of Satan.

That's why frequent Communion will be your best ally during vacation.

Go To Mass Tomorrow Morning

Tomorrow is the Feast of the Ascension. Note the changes in your routine:

Masses in Sacred Heart Church - every hour on the hour, 6 till 11 inclusive.

Breakfast Schedule -- 8:30 to 9:15.

Gift Suggestion -- If a younger brother, or sister, relative or friend, is graduating from high school, a St. Andrew's Missal might be the answer! The Chaplains have a supply available at \$4.50.