

Confessions: in all hall
chapels at night prayer;
from 6 until 8 in Dillon...

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... from 7 until 9 in Sorin,
Howard, and Cavanaugh, and in
all hall chapels during Mass.

Today's Feast

Another name for the feast of the Purification of the Blessed Mother is Candlemas Day -- the occasion when candles are publically blessed before the Mass of the day, and distributed to the faithful (of the parish) for use in their homes. Every Catholic family should have blessed candles when the priest makes a sick call, or to accompany family prayers in time of special petition to God. The Irish have an old custom of putting a lighted candle in the window on Christmas Even. Why? It's one form of a public profession of the Faith. By it you profess your belief that the Christ Child was truly God and truly Man; and that He was born amongst us on that blessed night. Our age can stand a little of this sort of thing.

This morning, in Sacred Heart Church on the campus, candles were blessed, then distributed. A procession was formed, and the faithful marched through the church, while the choir sang of Christ's coming as "a light of revelation among the Gentiles."

The day also recalls the Presentation of Jesus in the temple at Jerusalem -- the occasion on which the aged Simeon and his wife, Anna, beheld the Redeemer, and Simeon authored the famous psalm, Nunc Dimittis.

Tomorrow's Feast

St. Blase, a holy bishop of the fourth century, is recognized by the Church for his prerogative of healing diseases of the throat -- because, according to pious annals, he once saved the life of a child who was choking to death. On St. Blase's feast, tomorrow, all Catholics and many non-Catholics approach the Communion rail throughout the world to have their throats blessed, invoking the intercession of this saint. Throats will be blessed in all hall chapels at hours assigned by the rectors. In addition: in Dillon and Cavanaugh chapels at 12:30 and 12:45 -- at 6:30 and 7:15.

And Friday ...

is the First Friday of the month -- the day Our Lord strongly recommends that we make reparation for our sins; and that we pray for the grace of a Happy Death. Those of you who missed last month, start tomorrow with the new semester.

Adoration throughout the day -- from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church. Pick out a convenient half-hour, and spend it before the Blessed Sacrament in reparation for your past failures -- and in petition for the graces you will need this semester.

Pastor Villaflor

Yesterday, Notre Dame lost one of her most gifted craftsmen -- quiet, mite-sized, dark-skinned Pastor Villaflor who, for half a century, labored undisturbed at his nimble art in the basement of Corby Hall. His needlework fashioned some of the most ornate vestments in America. It was his own way of dedicating his life to Notre Dame. He lent added dignity to his art by consecrating it to the beauty of Divine Worship. He added something to the nobility of all those who labor with their hands. Observe the beauty of liturgical vestments at Notre Dame, and bless his memory. R.I.P.

Also deceased: Rev. William Robinson, CSC., former superior of Corby Hall, a distinguished theologian whom Seniors and recent Alumni will remember for his brilliant sermons and class lectures; friend of Bruno Arends of Dillon; grandmother of Steve Rogers of Sorin. Ill: daughter of Prof. Burdick (Phy-Ed. Dept.) father of Don McKenzie of Alumni; mother of Mike Feld of Dillon. 4 Special Intentions.