

Tonight at 6:45 in  
Sacred Heart Church:  
Sorrowful Mother Novena.

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The Forty Hours Devotion

Tonight in all halls: Sign  
up for the daily Lenten  
Adoration.

Down in New Orleans, the home of the Mardi Gras, the natives make the most of the Carnival season. Yet, when all the fun and merrymaking is at its height, the Ursuline nuns there spend the night in prayer -- in reparation for the sinful excesses of these days.

At Notre Dame we have the same custom in our Forty Hours Devotion -- so named in honor of the forty hours that Our Lord's Body remained in the tomb after His death on the cross. We begin on Quinquagesima Sunday with our devotion of reparation for our own sins of the past, and for the sins of the world. The Forty Hours devotion also prepares the faithful properly for the penitential season that begins with Ash Wednesday. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the main altar throughout Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. You are invited to drop in at your leisure, and to spend a half-hour in prayer. Drop in for shorter intervals between classes, and after meals.

There will be evening devotions at 6:45 on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday (Closing).

#### Indulgences

A Plenary Indulgence may be gained once each day by those who receive the Sacraments, visit the church, and recite six Paters, Aves, and Glorias.

An indulgence of 15 years may be gained each time you visit the church, and recite the prayers mentioned above with a contrite heart. All the indulgences gained may be applied either to yourself, or to the Souls in Purgatory.

#### About Abraham Lincoln

"Let's skip all the things you've read about him, all the things you heard too often or too young.

"Forget the face on the penny, the statue in Washington, the Emancipation Proclamation, the Gettysburg speech and look at the big thing.

"Why do we love this man, dead long before our time -- Abraham Lincoln ?

"He came out of nowhere special -- a log cabin like many another. His folks were nobody special -- pleasant, hard-working people. Abe was a smart boy, but not too smart. He could do a good day's work on the farm, though he'd just as soon stand around and talk. He told funny stories. He was strong and kind. He'd never try to hurt you, or cheat you, or fool you.

"Young Abe worked at odd jobs and read law books at night. Eventually he found his way into local politics. And it was then that people, listening to his speeches, found there was something special about him.

"Abe talked about running a country as if it were something you could do. It was just a matter of people getting along. He had nothing against anybody, rich or poor. Abe had a way of growing without changing. So it seemed perfectly natural to find him in the White House one day. He was the same Abe Lincoln he'd always been, and yet the most dignified and the strongest and the steadiest man anybody had ever known.

"He was everybody grown a little taller -- the warm and living proof of our American faith that greatness comes out of everywhere when it is free to come."