

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

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Tomorrow: First Saturday-
Fatima Devotions in pri-
vate only.

Papal Intention For February

Tomorrow, when you recite the Daily Morning Offering Prayer, recall the particular intention recommended by the Holy Father: "Strength in Persecution through our Lady of Lourdes."

Persecution in our own day is causing untold suffering among members of the Mystical Body of Christ. And so, we are asked to direct our petitions to Lourdes for all those who have suffered sickness of soul and body because of the cruelty of atheistic governments. Not many may be relieved of their sufferings; but they will receive the greater grace to bear all things for the love of God.

Novena For The Sick

You know that the sick come to Lourdes by the thousands, because the mercy of God has granted so many miracles of grace and healing at that shrine, through the intercession of His Blessed Mother. Hence, a Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes would be especially appropriate in behalf of the afflicted among your own relatives. Start this Sunday. You need but repeat whatever devotion you choose for nine days. That's all that is required for making a novena -- repeating the devotion for nine days. Daily Mass, Communion, the Rosary, and a daily visit to the Grotto -- these comprise the best devotion possible. Start Sunday, and complete the Novena on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Worth Your Notice

"If a lay Catholic does not know his faith; or does not exemplify it in his daily life; or is remiss in explaining it to an inquiring friend, what great numbers may eventually remain outside the fold through this neglect!

"The work of the Church cannot advance as it should unless the Catholic laity realize the part they have to play both by reason of the fact that they belong to the Mystical Body of Christ, and also by the positive mandate given them by the Vicar of Christ.

"Without the lay Catholic, the world cannot be restored to Christ. Without the lay Catholic, there can be no great, sweeping convert movement. With the lay Catholic actively taking a part in the work of the Church under the bishops and priests, the world can be transformed and the day realized when there will be one fold and one Shepherd."

Since February is Catholic Press Month, we call to your attention the plethora of periodicals and pamphlets at your disposal. Begin this Sunday by snatching a copy of the Denver Register, or Sunday Visitor, as you leave the church. Furthermore, the Catholic Digest is available; and so is the Ave Maria. Add to these the hundreds of pamphlets geared to keep you on your toes regarding Catholic information, trends and action. You owe it to yourself, and to your neighbor, to be well informed. As a matter of fact, you'll find the material not half so dull as you might expect. You might even save yourself much embarrassment later on. Your ignorance could impede the Church in carrying out Her mission.

Sunday is Candlemas Day: Candles will be blessed at the 9 o'clock Mass.

PRAYERS REQUESTED - Deceased: Brig. Gen. Charles Jones, '32; father of John Callahan of Alumni; John J. Devereux, '26; Leo P. Fagan, '32. 3 special intentions.