

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

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Sunday: Seniors and their
guests will attend the 8:00
o'clock Mass.

About Sunday Mass

The Mass is a good test of your Faith -- make no mistake about it! You are not ignorant. You know what the Church teaches about the Mass. Do you believe that teaching? Your appreciation of the Mass is an exact measure of your Faith in the Mass. And the Church tells us that the Mass is the renewal of the Sacrifice on Calvary.

The Church requires you to hear an entire Mass on Sunday. And the Church teaches that if you miss a notable part of the Mass through your own fault (v.g., the Offertory and the part preceding it), you are guilty of mortal sin, unless you hear another Mass up to that point. The Church also tells you that when you miss the first part of the Mass, and then leave early, you are seriously guilty of sin. And even though you arrive just before the Offertory, don't think that you are excused from sin. Your obligation is to hear an entire Mass on Sunday.

Don't short-change the Lord. It's the poorest bargain you'll ever strike.

The End of Mass

Even those who crucified Our Lord on Calvary, and those curious persons who watched from afar, did not rush away from the scene before the drama was finished. They even remained to comment on the event that had transpired before their eyes. One centurion, for example, was so jolted by what he witnessed that he made a confession of Faith, saying, "Truly, this was the Son of God!"

The impatient haste of some college men on campus makes a shambles of the final minutes of the sacred drama -- and their serious obligation to hear an entire Mass.

And The Collection

Just remember this: "Almsgiving never made a man poor."

The Mass and Holy Communion

Just because Notre Dame exercises great freedom in the distribution of Holy Communion outside Mass -- as an accommodation to the necessities (and the weaknesses) of frail humanity - you should not get the idea that Holy Communion should normally be separated from the Mass. Remember: the Mass is your best preparation for Communion.

Crank Case No: 2

"I like the Bulletin very much, and I know that it has done some fellows a lot of good. But you really shouldn't be so narrow-minded. We are living in a new age you know, and we have to meet people on their own ground."

-- Sorin Sub

Reply: The simple philosophy of the Bulletin has met all comers for 2000 years. It is simple the wisdom of the Catholic Church. If you find it narrow, remember that the line between truth and falsehood is likewise narrow. The wide, broad, fields are outside the Church.

This Is Consoling

"Historians tell us about the past; and economists tell us all about the future. Thus, only the present is confusing."

- Luke Mills in the Wisconsin Leader.