

# RELIGIOUS BULLETIN

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## THE THREE ADVENTS

With the beginning of Advent next Sunday the Church begins a new liturgical year. Symbolically the Church goes back to the beginning of time, or more precisely, to the fall of Adam, to prepare for the coming of the promised Redeemer. Hence, the season of Advent ends with the birth of Christ.

But Advent is more than a symbol of the historical centuries of yearning for the Redeemer. Father Clifford Howell, the British liturgist, distinguishes three advents, or comings, of Christ. One is past, Christ's coming in history; one is present, His coming in mystery; one is to come, His coming in majesty.

"In the Mass of the first Sunday in Advent, there is no explicit mention of Christ's coming in history (His birth at Bethlehem), but we are reminded of that coming by the choice of St. Mary Major, with its shrine of the crib, as this Sunday's 'stational church.' Christ's coming in majesty is emphasized on this Sunday. The Gospel speaks about the end of time, when Christ will come 'in a cloud, with His full power and majesty.'

"The coming in majesty, Father Howell writes, will be 'the most important and world-shaking event in human history -- that to which all other events, even the Incarnation and Redemption, are directed as toward a climax.

"What of the coming in mystery? It is Christ's coming into our hearts by His grace, by the mysteries of Mass and sacraments and celebration of the liturgical year. The purpose of remembering Christ's coming in history and understanding His coming in majesty, Father Howell says, is that we may embrace His coming in mystery and thus receive abundant grace here and now. In fact, our fate depends on how earnestly we accept Christ in His coming in mystery.

"To stimulate our desire, the Church reminds us during Advent of good people in Old Testament times who yearned intensely for the first coming of our Lord, His coming in history."

## A PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT

for your

Parents

## A NOVENA

of

Masses and Communions

From Dec. 5 to Dec. 13

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A Novena of Masses will be said for the parents of the students who make the Novena of Masses and Communions themselves.

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Special Novena Christmas cards will be available by December 7.

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## GO IRISH! BEAT TROJANS!



Tomorrow out in the Coliseum in Los Angeles Notre Dame plays its final game of the 1962 season under the patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It seems appropriate to dedicate this game to Our Lady under this title since the field on which it will be played was once a part of the old Spanish American territory on which Our Lady appeared to Juan Diego in 1531.



There's no doubt that the team is primed for victory. Some of that spirit was caught by the student body at the rally Wednesday night, largely through the inspiring talk of Coach Murphy. And the effect of good Notre Dame football spirit on religious spirit has already been evidenced in increased attendance at Mass with reception of Holy Communion and

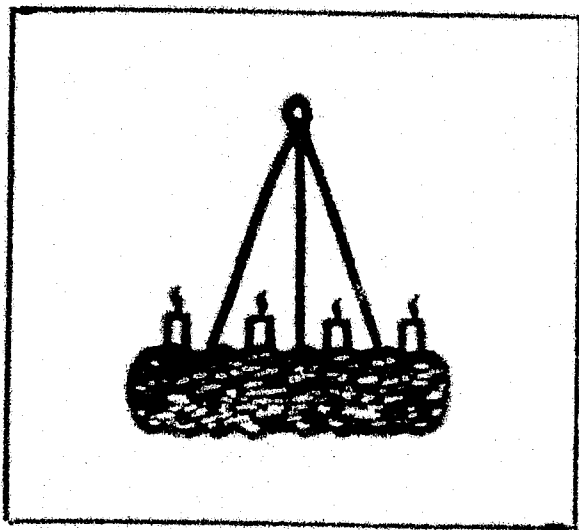
in greater numbers of students visiting the Grotto.

This spirit is new this year -- and it's heartening. If you're behind the team all the way, let's see it at Mass and Communion tomorrow.

Late Masses: 8:00 - Dillon Chapel  
8:30 - Alumni Chapel  
9:30 - Walsh Chapel  
11:30 - Sacred Heart Church  
and many hall chapels

### First Saturday

Tomorrow is also First Saturday of the month, the day of reparation requested at Fatima by Our Lady. This month it doesn't follow First Friday so it might be easy to forget.



The wreath of evergreens with four candles which you will see hanging in the sanctuary of Sacred Heart Church next Sunday is an Advent wreath. On the first Sunday of Advent one candle will be lighted. On each successive Sunday of Advent an added lighted candle will signify the progressive overpowering of the darkness which is the absence of God. Before His coming, man was "sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death" (Luke 2:79). The progressive lighting of the candles heralds the approach of the Light of the World.

### In Your Charity

Please pray for the following. Deceased: father of Pete Andreotti of Farley; John J. Galla, '33; J. L. Spalding Slevin, '00, father of John A., '57; Dr. John B. Rearden, '24; Eustace Cullinan, '95; mother of John A. McIntyre, '40. Ill: The Holy Father, Pope John XXIII; daughter of Phil Coyne, '40; father of Jeff Philbin of Dillon; cousin of Tim Mulheim, Off-Campus; Donald McCue of Breen-Phillips.