

RELIGIOUS BULLETIN.

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Holy Communion during Holy Week.

Holy Thursday: 6:30 Mass in the basement chapel.

8:00 Mass in the church.

Good Friday: Holy Communion may be received only by the dying.

Holy Saturday: 8:30 Mass in the church; no distribution before Mass.

The Services of Holy Week.

The Church gives us the services of Holy Week as the most solemn liturgical action of the year, in order to drive home the lesson that Christ's supreme sacrifice paid the penalty for sins and ransomed us from hell, and that it is only by the personal application of this sacrifice to ourselves that we can keep out of hell.

A schedule of the services of the week is posted at the door of the church. The principle features of the services are as follows:

1. Tenebrae. This is the night service on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Its psalms and lessons give the story of the misery brought into the world by the fall of man, the hope of a Redeemer held out to the Jews, and the rejection and crucifixion of Christ when He came. The music of the Lamentations at the beginning of the service and of the Benedictus at the end is notable. A descriptive pamphlet found at the rack will help you to understand this service.
2. Holy Thursday Mass. This is the commemoration of the Last Supper. White vestments are used at the Mass, and the Gloria is sung for the first time in Lent. The bells are rung at the Gloria to show the joy of the Church over the institution of the Blessed Sacrament; then, in memory of the death of Christ, which followed so close upon the Last Supper, the bells are stilled until the announcement of the Resurrection on Holy Saturday. Two Hosts are consecrated at this Mass; the one is consumed by the priest during the Mass, and the other is carried in procession to the Repository, where it remains for adoration throughout the night.
3. Nocturnal Adoration. Students remaining at the University during the vacation should try to make an hour of adoration during the night Thursday. An hour of adoration is always stimulating, but an hour on Holy Thursday night, in union with the hour of agony spent by Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane, is an experience never to be forgotten.
4. Mass of the Consecrated. While there is no Mass on Good Friday, there is a service commemorating the death of Our Lord, terminating with the Communion of the officiating priest, who consumes the Host consecrated the previous day. The service is an Exaltation of the Cross; its lessons are sung in solemn chant; prayers are said for all classes of people in turn, to show that Christ died for all. The genuflection at these prayers is omitted at the prayer for the Jews because of their mocking genuflections during His

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Passion.

5. Way of the Cross. No Catholic worthy of the name will fail to make a strong effort to be present at the Way of the Cross on Good Friday. The public service here is held at 3:00 P. M., the hour of the Crucifixion, and is followed by Benediction with a relic of the True Cross.

6. Holy Saturday Services. The blessing of the new fire, of the triangular candle, of the Easter candle, the Easter Water and the Baptismal font, precede the Mass. These services begin at 7:00; the Mass at 8:30.

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