

Prayers.

Stanley Grinager has been called to Florida by the illness of his mother. He asks earnest prayers for her recovery. Another student asks prayers for his grandmother, who is gravely ill, and a third for his deceased grandfather. Four special intentions are recommended to your prayers.

Lost and Found.

A rosary left with the Prefect of Religion Saturday morning was reclaimed yesterday and the loser wishes to know the name of the student who left it, as he wishes to thank him personally. Aside from the high material value of the rosary he treasures it because of associations. -- The sum of money advertised the other day is still unclaimed, although the notice of it brought other losers of the following amounts: \$45, \$12 and \$3. Anyone finding such amounts can be put in touch with the losers through this office.

The Comeback.

The recovery from Washington's Birthday is virtually complete. The number of Communion yesterday was 1452. The total for the month of February was 29,072, and for the year (since September), 154,025. The total up to March 1, 1925, was 128,550.

St. Joseph.

The month of March is dedicated by the Church to the head of the Holy Family, St. Joseph. He is the Patron of the Universal Church, and he is invoked especially for the grace of a happy death.

Following are some of his titles to our veneration:

1. Although he was inferior to both Jesus and Mary, both obeyed him, because in the authority he received from God he was their earthly superior.
2. He had the happiness of dying in the arms of Jesus and Mary.
3. His obedience was prompt and unquestioning. When the angel told him in the middle of the night to go into Egypt, he went immediately; he did not ask two weeks for preparation, and he did not complain. The same thing happened when he returned with the Holy Family from Egypt. He went to Bethlehem for the enrollment at the command of the Roman emperor, who was vested by God with his authority.
4. His purity was such that God chose him of all men to be the guardian of the purity of Jesus and Mary.
5. His humility was the model of all humility. He did not despise the gifts God gave him; he did not refuse through false humility to be the head of the Holy Family; and he did not go beyond the limits of his authority in view of the exalted position God had given him. His was true humility.
6. His sinlessness is attested by Holy Scripture in the simple words: "Joseph was a just man." We would be well off if the same could be said of us.

The Novena for Vocations.

This Novena began this morning. There is nothing of much greater importance to us in this life than wisdom in choosing proper state. Say the Litany of the Sacred Heart every day for guidance in this choice.