

Religious Bulletin
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Novena For The Sick.

The Novena starts tomorrow and ends on February 10, the day before the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. It might also be called the

Novena of the Grotto.

since it is addressed to Our Lady as she appeared at the Grotto of Lourdes, in 1858, to aid the sick and afflicted. The Grotto here at Notre Dame is a faithful reproduction of the one in France; the Water of Lourdes, from the fountain which the Blessed Virgin caused to appear at the Grotto, is also distributed from Notre Dame -- the Novitiate has a supply. You might also make this Novena a

Novena of Thanksgiving.

The nine days after examinations are more important than the nine days before in the development of your spiritual life. There are some cheapskates, of course, who won't make a Novena of Thanksgiving until their grades are all in; if God did that with us, He would be waiting to see if our good resolutions would stick before He would grant a favor -- and we would sure be out of luck if He did that.

You Had A Good Time, Didn't You?

Before you say another word about who flunked you, answer this one question: Didn't you flunk yourself? A letter received from one mother yesterday expressed the hope that her son would devote his spare time to study. The trouble with most of the down-cast boys was that they couldn't find any spare time; they were so busy getting an education there was no time left for the books. Well, if you were here for a good time and had it, don't be looking for a premium in your package. Pay the fiddler with a smile.

Don't Get Too Good-Looking.

The heavy time in the Sorin Chapel yesterday morning was between ten and ten-thirty, which indicates, we take it, that ten o'clock was a popular hour for rising. The bell rings again today, and it is just as well. If you get too many beauty sleeps you'll begin to learn what "fatal beauty" means.

Have Your Throat Blessed.

Sunday is the Feast of St. Blase, Bishop and Martyr, who is invoked by Catholics for protection against diseases of the throat. The Blessing of St. Blase will be given Sunday after the Masses at 6:00 and 9:00, and before the Masses at 7:00 and 8:00. So you will have to go to Mass Sunday if you want to have your throat blessed; this is a hardship on Catholics who believe in Sacramentals but not in Sacraments.

Feast Of The Purification.

The Fourth Joyful Mystery of the Rosary is commemorated tomorrow - the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the temple. The blessing of candles and procession will take place before the community Mass at 8:00 -- which you may attend if you like.

Prayers.

The deceased wife of a recent convert; a sick friend of Bud Markey; James Costello's grandfather has suffered a stroke; four special intentions. Robert Flynn, a recent alumnus, died Wednesday of burns and injuries sustained when his new car turned over, he was not a Catholic, but his father will appreciate prayers for the repose of his soul.