

Religious Bulletin
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Important -- Sunday Masses.

As announced Sunday, the Masses for Palm Sunday will run on a 45-minute schedule. The hours are: 6:00, 6:45, 7:30, 8:15. Breakfast for campus students at 7:30; the 7:30 Mass is for off-campus students.

Follow Holy Week With a Missal.

The Masses for Palm Sunday and the major days in Holy Week are given in the new Sunday Missal which you will find at the pamphlet rack. Those Masses are beautiful and most interesting if you follow them as they are said; they may prove the opposite if your mind is a blank on their meaning.

Prayer and Exams.

It is just as proper to pray for success in studies as it is to pray for a happy marriage; both are honest temporal favors which have their spiritual side, and in both petitions, as in all requests, the proviso should be added, "if it be for the best." Too much success may mean a swelled head and a front seat in hell; in such cases a flunk is a blessing in disguise. Proper success attended with humility and due acknowledgment of God's favor is a blessing undisguised.

To pray and then to cheat is not only to nullify your prayers -- it is to insult God miserably. You ask God's help and then refuse to trust Him. It differs in degree but not in kind from the action of the bandit who dips his dagger in Holy Water for success against his enemy.

Sunday's Crowded Confessionals.

Again the request is made to get to confession before Sunday morning. Palm Sunday is a day of great devotion, and the Communion Rail is crowded. The number of First Communicants (since September or since Christmas) is always large -- laggards checking in before they go home. Be considerate; give the other fellow a chance. Go to confession tonight or tomorrow, and stay in the state of grace.

Vacation At Home.

You might gather from last week's Bulletins on vacation that the average Notre Dame student is a rip-roarin' March lion when he gets home for the holidays. That is far from being the case, as you were told in the first of those Bulletins. The average Notre Dame student knows when he is well off, and appreciates his good home. He spends most of his time with the folks; he gives God a good share of his time. He needs a few words of advice, however; for instance:

1. Don't lord it over the kids too much. You were a kid once yourself.
2. Don't be afraid of the old ladies who ask if you're going to be a priest because you receive daily. They mean well, and they have a sort of prescriptive right to stick their noses in other's people's business.
3. Don't use too much sarcasm on your sister. It's wasted, anyway.
4. Don't drop your r's if you were brought up in Ioway.

Prayers.

A relative of Burke Motsett died recently; a student's brother is critically ill. Five special intentions. Gus Jenkins, '28, asks prayers for two deceased friends. An alumnus telegraphs a request for prayers of thanksgiving; that is the proper spirit to show when God hears your prayers.