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Lenten Devotions.

The sermon at 7:30 tonight will be on the Second Commandment; it will be preached by Father Maher.

Seven Reasons.

The reasons why people fail to make their Easter Duty may be reduced to seven, and they are old familiar enemies of your salvation:

1. The stupid sin - Pride. It works in connection with some other sin as a rule; frequently this is personal impurity. Sometimes it is merely pride of intellect - the silly attitude that one is sufficient to himself; reading books on the Index is the most common manifestation of this form of stupidity.
2. The miserable sin - Avarice. It keeps two kinds of people away: a. The chisellers who are too busy thinking of money to pay any attention to God; and b. The racketeers who are unwilling to restore ill-gotten goods so that they can get absolution.
3. The pitiful sin - Lust. Pity the man who is chained to a woman, whether by infatuation or by a marriage unlawful in the eyes of God. The devotee of lust will give up popcorn for Lent but not dates; he will give up his mother, but not a divorcee; he will give up God, but not the woman.
4. The outrageous sin - Anger. "From anger and hatred and all ill will, O Lord, deliver us," prays the Church in the Litany of the Saints. She prays for those who have murder in their heart, because they need prayer. She prays for those who will not pray for their enemies, who will not forgive, because they need prayer. "As we forgive those who trespass against us," is the condition under which we must ask God's forgiveness.
5. The despicable sin - Envy. The green eye of jealousy sees all the faults and none of the virtues of those who use religion to help them overcome their faults. The envious man will have none of the good gifts of God if he cannot have them in a degree higher than his neighbor. As a rule, he hurts only himself.
6. The sordid sin - Gluttony. "Their god is their belly, their end is destruction," said St. Paul. It is still true.
7. The contemptible sin - Sloth. The man who is too lazy to go to Mass on Sunday is on the road to loss of faith; he loses it because he is not worthy of it.

Lent Is Sometimes Long.

The daily papers bring accounts of two former students sentenced to prolonged penance for faults they did not correct at Notre Dame. The one drew twenty years to life, the other, one to ten years. You still have four weeks in which to check up on faults. Voluntary self-denial may save you such a fate.

Charity.

Offerings for charity during the past week have brought the total for the poor to \$1052.17; this includes \$25 from the Buffalo Club. Fr. Barron also received \$9, to make \$100.

PRAYERS: Geo. Shidol's grandmother, deceased; three deceased friends, all of whom died suddenly. Fear special intentions.