

Universal Holy Hour  
Thursday 4:30-5:30

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Gaps tomorrow:  
8:30 (2); 9.

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Reflections on the "Fragments."

1854 at Notre Dame..... Nocturnal adoration began here, with 56 students taking their turns watching through the night before the Blessed Sacrament.... every Thursday.... every Catholic student in school must have taken part in it....

1854 at Notre Dame... The cholera.... more than twenty deaths between August and October... Nocturnal adoration prepared them for the trial... helped them to sustain it....

1854 in Rome.... December 8.... Promulgation of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception by Pope Pius IX, Notre Dame's great friend.... profound rejoicing here.... a new day broke for Notre Dame: St. Mary's moved from Bertrand here... the chimes arrived from France... the constitutions of the community were approved by Rome... the diocese of Fort Wayne was created.... all within three years.

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Devotion to the Holy Face was linked with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament by the Holy Man of Tours and Sister St. Pierre, who saw in both the proper medium for reparation for blasphemy and desecration of the Sunday. The same connection was seen by Mother Mary Theresa, the discovery of whose painting of the Holy Face gave rise to this study of our early history. The same connection was seen by Father Moreau and Father Sorin, who committed the community as a whole and Notre Dame in particular to these two devotions.

Blasphemy and desecration of the Sunday! The Second and Third Commandments! The philosophy behind the French Revolution, as well as the excesses to which this gave rise, brought the rights of God into contempt. The night in the courtyard of Caiphas was renewed - the night when His tormentors plucked the beard of Christ and spat in His face, saying, "Prophecy who it is that struck Thee."

When St. John Baptist Vianney came to Ars he found that little town one of the wickedest in France - and blasphemy and desecration of the Sunday were the two sins he had to fight hardest against. And Ars was a miniature of the worst effects of the French Revolution. The Cure made a God-fearing town of Ars.

Blasphemy was a rare sin in The United States until a decade or two ago - now it is common. When Protestants were God-fearing, church-going people, America led a simple life, and blasphemy was resented, if not actually prosecuted, when it was attempted. Then Modernism made its way into Protestantism (Modernism itself contains much blasphemy), and blasphemy is now as common as dirt in books and magazines. As for the respect due the Lord's Day, mute testimony is borne by the fact that the Protestant church buildings abandoned in this country in the last twenty years are counted by the tens of thousands.

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The Blessed Sacrament.... the Holy Face.... the Blessed Virgin. Notre Dame has at hand the materials of reparation. "Mary leads us to Jesus." She led us to daily Communion. She led us to daily adoration. She leads us now into the courtyard of Caiphas, where "He was spit upon and buffeted;" she asks us to make reparation. Is it far-fetched to see a mission in the discovery, at this particular time, of a picture which holds so many historic ties?

PRAYERS: Deceased - an uncle of John Casazza; the brother of a nun; two friends of students. Ill - Fr. O'Donnell; Tom Dowd; Jas. Bresnahan; Victor Waufle; Russell O'Shea (mastoid operation last Saturday); Mark Flanigan (throat infection); John Conley (appendectomy); sisters of Jules de la Vergne and John McKeon; Al Artz's father; an uncle of Bro. Philbert; two friends. Four special intentions; a thanksgiving (Depression Novena - No. 15). MASS Wednesday, 6:25, Sorin chapel, for the repose of the soul of Joe Deeb's brother (Law Club.).