

Father Carey will . . .
preach at 7:00 and
7:30 Monday night.

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Father Collentine will
preach at Benediction
Tuesday night.

Some Lenten Thoughts.

There can be no doubt that the most important moment of life is the last one. A good beginning is of little practical value if it be not followed by a good ending.

Judas began well. He was one of the intimate companions of Christ, and for a time at least, he must have led an edifying life.

But he let the love of money ruin him.

The good thief, on the other hand, after what appeared to be a wicked and mis-spent life, retrieved his whole past at the last moment, and died a saint.

The last moment is the point to which all the threads of life converge and from which the future life begins to take its character and meaning.

All the graces, all the good and bad actions of a lifetime, produce their total effect at that last moment.

It is a common practice for Catholics to say a prayer every day for a happy death. They ask the Blessed Mother, while they are strong and able to pray well, to be beside them at the hour of their death.

All of us when we say our morning and night prayers should pay special attention to the words, "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death."

But the very best way to assure yourself that you will die well is to make certain that you are living well. "As a man lives, so shall he die," is still a true proverb.

God seldom changes a person in a moment from sinner to a saint. It is a slow process and it is made up of little daily acts.

You have it in your power now to say what kind of death you will die, by determining what kind of life you will live.

If you are contented now, to live for days and even months, in the state of sin, the chances are that you will die in that state.

If, on the other hand, you have made it a point never to go to bed at night with the stain of mortal sin on your soul, it will scarcely be possible for you to die in sin.

Sudden deaths are becoming more common every day. Accidents are on the increase owing to the speed of traveling. You have no assurance at all that you will not die suddenly.

If you make it a habit to keep yourself in the state of grace, you need never have a worry in entering an automobile or a train.

If you are not in the state of grace there is danger of losing your soul every time you go out for an auto ride. Isn't it strange that men who are so particular about having life insurance are so careless about insurance for the next world,--for eternity?

Lent is the time to think these things over, to put plans to work. A resolution made now and put into practice for the forty days of Lent can assure you of your eternal salvation. If you neglect it now God may never offer you another chance. One of your chief resolutions this Lent should be to live every day of your life in the state of grace. PRAYERS: Deceased, friend of Bill Lord (Sorin); friend of Tom Holley (Bad.)