

To act like a MAN you
need daily Mass & Holy
Communion. Read below.

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First Friday is coming.
Are you prepared? How
about making Adoration?

Shall I Be A Brute? Or Shall I Be A God?

God endowed me with a marvelous nature, a composite one. Philosophers point to me as a cosmos of the universe-- a little world in myself. In me you can find rational life, animal life, sentient life, vegetative life. (Of course; in the totally bald there is a proportionate diminution of vegetative life.)

Essentially, I am a body and a soul combined in one being. I am a rational animal.

In common with the brute, I have a bundle of nerves, I have muscles and impulses. But in common with the angels and God Himself, I have two spiritual faculties, an intellect and a will. In all the universe only they and I can say that.

It does not take a superabundance of brains to figure out that my dignity consists much more in sharing my life with the angels and God than with brutes.

Now life since Original Sin is a warfare. Before that it was one pleasant moment after another. Now it's a struggle.

What struggle? The struggle of brute vs angel and God. That is, more exactly, the struggle of the brute-in-me vs the angel-&-God-in-me.

The less dignified passions would rebel, subvert, upturn, overthrow the domination of my mind and will. As St. Paul said, there is a war in my members.

That war is not sin. It is definitely temptation. It is an undeniable challenge. And I have to act-- one way or the other. Shall I be a brute? Shall I be a god?

If I am intellectually convinced; if I perceive and value my dignity; if I love God; then, no matter how much the pressure, how fierce, how frequent, how utterly unreasonable, my choice is instant and irrevocable. No mere animal, and helped by the grace of God, I shall act always as a man, as a good angel, as a sensible son of God.

Hence, though I'm minded to burst into anger, I shall hold my temper; though I crave thrills against reason and drink upon drink, I shall say "Nix!" or "Scat!". *** No mere brute, I am determined ALWAYS to act like a god. Otherwise I cease being a MAN.

The Christian Life.

For the second semester, Father Woodward, rector of Merrissey Hall, offers a three hour course on the fundamental principles of life through Christ in God, the Christ-life of grace, the superabundant life, the supernatural life. This course called the Christian Life is accredited both in the Department of Religion and the Department of Philosophy.

It is food to enrich your spiritual convictions. It stimulates. It inspires you to do great things, to put off the old man and don Christ, to integrate life, to live completely, to measure up to the full stature of a Christian Gentleman-- like Francis de Sales.

Sign up when you register Thursday-- if you can. Or see Father Woodward at once.

Card of Thanks.

(Letter received by Reverend J. Hugh O'Donnell, C.S.C.) *** Dear Father: One of the consoling features of my daughter's death was the tremendous expression of sympathy from our friends, especially from Notre Dame. When the opportunity arises, I wish you would thank the priests, the faculty, and the students who remembered Ruth in their Masses. They have been extremely considerate. (signed) Arch Ward.

See Tomorrow's Campus Supplement.

SERMON LIST AND DIRECTORY OF STUDENT MASSES

Second Semester, 1939-40

| Date | Subject | ** Celebrant | | | |
|----------|--------------------------|----------------|------------------|---|------------------|
| | | 6:00 | 7:00 | 8:30 | 10:00 |
| Feb. 4 | Forty Hours (No sermon) | Fr. Misch | Fr. Reddington | Fr. O'Donnell { Fr. Cavanaugh Fr. Carrico | Fr. Stack |
| Feb. 11 | Suffering | Fr. King | Fr. Lynch | Fr. Butler | Fr. Baldwin |
| Feb. 18* | Spiritual Reading | Fr. Woodward | Fr. E. Burke | Fr. Wenninger | Fr. Fogarty |
| Feb. 25 | Prodigal Son | Fr. T. McAvoy | Fr. T. Burke | Fr. Misch | Fr. Putz |
| Mar. 3 | Daily Communion | Fr. Sullivan | Fr. O'Neil | Fr. Gorman | Fr. F. Cavanaugh |
| Mar. 10 | Christian Courtship | Fr. Keller | Fr. Gartland | Fr. Holderith | Fr. Glueckert |
| Mar. 17* | Palm Sunday (No sermon) | Fr. Reddington | Fr. E. Burke | Fr. Welch | Fr. McNamara |
| Mar. 31 | Sloth | Fr. J. Burke | Fr. Grimm | Fr. Riter | Fr. B. McAvoy |
| Apr. 7 | Religious Indifference | Fr. Wenninger | Fr. Stack | Fr. Miltner | Fr. Keller |
| Apr. 14 | Obedience to Authority | Fr. Baldwin | Fr. Miltner | Fr. McCarragher | Fr. T. McAvoy |
| Apr. 21* | Infallibility | Fr. Welsh | Fr. Hoff | Fr. Brennan | Fr. J. Burke |
| Apr. 28 | Prayer | Fr. B. McAvoy | Fr. Lisewski | Fr. Woodward | Fr. R. Murray |
| May 2 | Ascension — Covetousness | Fr. Shea | Fr. Irving | Fr. O'Donnell { Fr. Cavanaugh Fr. Carrico | Fr. Gorman |
| May 5 | Charity Towards Neighbor | Fr. T. Kelly | Fr. F. Cavanaugh | Fr. T. McAvoy | Fr. Dupuis |
| May 12 | Pentecost — Zeal | Fr. Putz | Fr. Hagerty | Fr. O'Donnell { Fr. Cavanaugh Fr. Carrico | Fr. E. Shea |
| May 19* | Character vs. Reputation | Fr. L. L. Ward | Fr. O'Toole | Fr. Laskowski | Fr. King |
| May 26 | Vacation Suggestions | Fr. Butler | Fr. J. Cavanaugh | Fr. Bolger | Fr. O'Neil |

* Mass of Exposition.

** NOTE — The celebrant at the 6:00 o'clock Mass will be the preacher at the 6:00 and 8:30 o'clock Masses; the celebrant at the 7:00 o'clock Mass will be the preacher at the 7:00 and 10:00 o'clock Masses. The sermons at the 8:30 Mass are limited to fifteen minutes; at the other Masses to ten minutes.