

November 20, 1940

Our Lady's Feast--Tomorrow.

Tomorrow is the Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin in the Temple. The feast celebrates the occasion when the Blessed Virgin was solemnly offered and consecrated to God. By each person of the Trinity she was regarded with a special love. On that occasion God the Father looked upon her as His beloved daughter; the Son, as one chosen and preparing to become His mother; and the Holy Ghost, as His spouse.

This was her life dedicated to God. She gave her sons of Notre Dame an example they would do well to imitate. They will imitate her example if they have a constant and manly devotion to her, who will inevitably lead them closer to her Divine Son.

Consecration to Our Lady.

Several of you have asked at different times for a suitable prayer to the Blessed Virgin. Here is a consecration prayer, most appropriate for the Feast of the Presentation.

Say it not only on tomorrow's feast day, but every Saturday. Better yet, say it daily. It makes a fine prayer for a visit at the Grotto:

"My Queen, my Mother, I give myself entirely to thee, and to show my devotion to Thee, I consecrate to thee this day my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, my whole being without reserve.

"Wherefore, good Mother, as I am thy own, keep me, guard me as thy property and possession."

Special Thanksgiving Service Tomorrow.

Eucharistic service (from eucharistia, thanksgiving) means thanksgiving service. That service will be a Mass in the Main Church in honor of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin at 7:30, just before your 8:00 breakfast.

Mass and Communion is the service specially ordained by Christ to render thanks. Without Mass and Communion, Thanksgiving can be merely a day of selfish pleasures.

The early Puritans thanked God for preservation of their lives, and for good harvests in the midst of Indian attacks and privation. This year America has so much for which to thank God--peace, freedom, and plenty. Prosperity, however, usually produces selfishness.

If you can't sacrifice a few minutes of sleep so as to attend the 7:30 Mass in the Main Church, then attend Mass in your Hall at 7:30; or in Dillon, Howard or Cavanaugh at 8:20.

The very least you can do is to receive Communion at one of the late chapels. Christ will be waiting for your thanks in the Sacrament of His Love in:

Cavanaugh and Howard Chapels until 9:15;
Dillon until noon.

Any student at Notre Dame who cannot find reason to thank God tomorrow, should ask himself whether he is an ingrate and whether he needs a course in manners.

PRAYERS REQUESTED: (deceased) Dr. Wm. O'Brien, Jr. '28; Mrs. Angela Nobile; relative of Frank Hopkins (Alumni); Sister Mary Paula, D.S.B.; Sister Mary Regina, D.S.B.; Sister M. Mary, O.P. III, grandfather of Herb Becker (Lyons); grandmother of Vern [unclear]; Sister M. George, S.B.C.; Mrs. Mary O'Leary. Five sp. intentions.