

Friday Is First Friday

Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows Also.

Twelve promises Our Lord made to all who practice and promote devotion to His Sacred Heart, especially the devotion of the Nine Fridays. Here are the promises:

1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state in life.
2. I will give peace to their families.
3. I will console them in all their troubles.
4. They shall find in My Heart an assured refuge during life, and especially at the hour of death.
5. Tepid souls shall become fervent.
6. Sinners shall find in My Heart the source and the infinite ocean of mercy.
7. I will bless the homes in which the image of My Heart shall be exposed and honored. (Is your picture up?)
8. Fervent souls shall speedily rise to great perfection.
9. I will give to priests the power to touch the most hardened hearts.
10. Those who propagate this devotion shall have their names written on My Heart, never to be effaced.
11. I will pour abundant blessings on all their undertakings.
12. I promise thee, in the excess of the mercy of My Heart, that its all-powerful love will grant to all who receive Holy Communion on the First Friday of every month, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance, and that they shall not die under My displeasure, nor without receiving the Sacraments, and My Heart shall be their secure refuge at that last hour.

Our Lady, as every mother wants to be, was at her Son's side in His greatest suffering - on Calvary. She was denied the usual privileges of a mother at a son's deathbed; wiping the fevered brow, moistening the dry, parched lips, easing the pain with words of comfort, solace and strength. She could only stand - and suffer.

Your devout participation in Mass tomorrow, the re-enactment of Calvary, is the best way to honor the inward martyrdom which she suffered as she stood and watched her Son insulted, tortured, crucified - and die.

If you want to offer your whole life to Mary, you may, as many devout Catholics do, live each day in honor of one of her sorrows. She had seven great sorrows in her life and the Church favors veneration of one of them each week-day:

1. Her sorrow at the meeting with Simeon who prophesied that a sword would pierce her heart; (Sunday)
2. Her flight to safety in Egypt with the Christ child and St. Joseph; (Monday)
3. Mary's sorrow when the child Jesus was lost in Jerusalem; (Tuesday)
4. Mary's meeting with Jesus on His way to Calvary; (Wednesday)
5. Mary at the foot of the Cross - Simeon's prophecy realized; (Thursday)
6. Mary with Jesus in her arms after He had been taken down from the Cross; (Friday)
7. Mary, finally, at the burial of Jesus; (Saturday)

As son to mother, honor her different sorrow each day in your thanksgiving or at the Grotto. Mother-like, she'll comfort you in, teach you the value of, your suffering.

QUESTIONNAIRE: Answering quest. 13, on improper conversation and reading, many say, "I don't know, but let's do something." Some upperclassmen suggest a voluntary pledge. Give your plan on questionnaire or on a new slip in box.

PRAYERS: (deceased) father of Fred '33, John '34, Hugh (Ser) Laughna; father of Bro. Gordon, C. S. C.; grandmother of Mack Andres (Oar). Ill, uncle of Jim (Lyons) and Bob (Lynn) Russell; Mary Parker, friend of Harry Gottson (A1). Five special ints.