

FIRST FRIDAY
Mass tonight at 5:00
Rosary at 6:30 P.M.

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Sunday: plenary indulg.
for every visit to
Church; say 6 Paters,
Aves, and Glorias.

The Chaplain, Christ and the Jeep.

He is likely as not to drop into your midst from an airplane, or slide gently to earth in a parachute. He may hop out of a jeep or the sidecar of a motorcycle, or come sailing into shore on a boat.

That is his job to get around. The means of conveyance is of little account, as long as it brings him to his men. His men affectively call him their "Padre" or "Father". He is the Catholic Chaplain.

He never carries firearms of any description. Yet he is a storm-trooper of the first order. In place of a gun, he usually possesses the objects seen on the table of Sacrifice. His altar may be the tail gate of a motor truck, the radiator of a jeep or packing cases heaped together. His church is often the open air. His roof the heavens above.

The sight of the padre and the altar makes the men happy. They know that he will bring Christ their Lord and Redeemer into their midst. To them Our Lord is all important. He is the same Christ who healed the sick and consoled the sorrowing, who forgave the sinner and strengthened the weak. His Presence is encouragement itself.

But when the padre stands at the altar these fighting men know that Christ is come from heaven to do more than just BE with them. These warriors know that at the consecration of the Mass Our Lord takes their intentions and PRAYS for and with them. If they ask for peace, He asks for peace. If they ask for courage, He asks for courage for them. If they ask for forgiveness and blessings for themselves and others, He petitions His Father for these favors.

The Padre at Mass brings Christ the greatest of storm-troopers. "The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent bear it away." The sacrifice of Christ at Mass is the most powerful of prayers. It is the prayer of Christ Himself. It is the perfect prayer of the fighting man.

The wounded man loves the Mass for there he can ask Christ to pray for His recovery. The sinner loves the Mass for there he can beg Christ to obtain forgiveness and strength for him. The apostolic man loves the Mass for there he can request Christ to obtain the inspirations and courage he needs to carry on his mission of spreading the knowledge and love of Christ to others. The grateful man always runs to Mass for he realizes that his gratitude becomes perfect when he offers thanks with his Savior.

All Catholics are soldiers of Jesus Christ. And where should one expect to find these soldiers but with Christ when He comes into their midst to hear their prayers and to make them His own. At the altar, soldiers and sailors and marines pray with "the lips of Christ".

Our Lord comes to this campus morning, afternoon and evening. If you love Him, you will run to Mass to greet Him. If you don't appreciate His prayer now, you won't on the battlefield when you see the padre bring Him from heaven to the radiator of a jeep.

Mass Sunday For Martin Gillen

The last Mass will be offered for Mr. Gillen, benefactor of the University and generous supporter of Catholic education, who died recently. In War 1, Mr. Gillen was prominent in the organization of the War Industry Board and of the U.S. Shipping Board. In 1935 he received an honorary doctorate of law from Notre Dame.