

(FOR THE CATHOLIC STUDENT AT NOTRE DAME)

Start NOVENA for EXAMS with God on your side. Confess tonight, if you need to.

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NOVENA for EXAMS begins Friday, Feb. 11 -- Mass, Communion, visit to Grotto. "Ask and you shall receive."

Exams Again.

There should be no doubt in your mind about the prayer which you will use before all others in begging God for success in your examinations. There is no greater prayer than the Mass.

Look at the Mass from the point of view of petition, which interests you at the moment. In other prayers you pray alone and on your own merits. In the Mass you pray with Our Blessed Lord. At the Consecration time, Christ comes from heaven to the altar and takes you and all your intentions and offers them to His Heavenly Father. Your prayer becomes His prayer at Mass.

You can imagine how the Father feels about the petition of His Divine Son. He looks upon it with favor. So don't forget that Christ is willing to make this Novena with you. But you cannot make it in bed. You must rise and go to the spot where Christ prays -- in the chapel. If you are looking for a power that will overwhelm heaven, you will participate in the Mass every day during the Novena.

A False Impression.

There are Catholics who think that Holy Communion is the highpoint of the Mass, and that the reception of Our Lord is the perfect prayer. This is not Catholic doctrine. Mass was not instituted merely to make Communion possible. Holy Communion is part of the Mass. If you wish to participate fully in the Mass throughout the Novena, receive Holy Communion. Holy Communion makes you a better man, more strong in the practice of virtue, especially charity. Every increase in your personal goodness draws God to give greater consideration to your appeals for help. If you are not good at all, that is, if you are in mortal sin, how can you expect to turn God in your direction?

Wine, Women and Song Ruin Novena.

Don't spoil the effects of your Mass by sin. Stay away from all occasions of sin as part of your Novena. Looking forward to sin during vacation also frustrates your prayer. You must wish to serve God now and in the future otherwise your petition is hypocrisy.

War Casualty.

Ensign John Hogan, ex. '45, of Fort Wayne, Indiana was killed in a plane crash January 29 at Vero Beach, near Jacksonville, Florida.

PRAYERS: (deceased) father of Brother Francis Jerome, C.S.C.; brother of Harry Miller, USNR; Jimmy Corcoran (sportswriter on Chi. Herald-American); mother of Dick Pearce (B-P); father of Armiger Sommers (Library); mother of the late Coach Geo. Keogan; cousin of John See (B-P). (Ill) aunt of Father Leo Gorman, C.S.C.; relative of Sister M. Robertus. Two Special Intentions.

<u>Classes taught</u>	<u>Will be examined</u>	<u>Date</u>	*	<u>Classes Taught</u>	<u>Will be examined</u>	<u>Date</u>
8:00 Monday	8:00 Monday	Feb.21	*	8:00 Tuesday	8:00 Tuesday	Feb.22
9:00 Monday	8:00 Wednesday	Feb.23	*	9:00 Tuesday	8:00 Thursday	Feb.24
10:00 Monday	10:00 Monday	Feb.21	*	10:00 Tuesday	10:00 Tuesday	Feb.22
11:00 Monday	10:00 Wednesday	Feb.23	*	11:00 Tuesday	10:00 Thursday	Feb.24
1:15 Monday	2:15 Wednesday	Feb.23	*	1:15 Tuesday	3:15 Tuesday	Feb.22
2:15 Monday	1:15 Tuesday	Feb.22	*	2:15 Tuesday	1:15 Thursday	Feb.24
3:15 Monday	8:00 Friday	Feb.25	*	3:15 Tuesday	10:00 Friday	Feb.25
4:15 any day	3:15 Thursday	Feb.24	*	5:00 or after (any day)	7:00 Friday (p.m.)	Feb.23
Any math classes	2:00 Monday	Feb.21	*	All classes in Physics 21, 22, 25 and 27	2:00 Friday	Feb.25