

Forty Hours closes
tonight at 7:00 with
Procession.

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Godspeed to all, grads,
transferees,
vacationists and draftees.

To Do Or Not To Do - It's Lent.

It's Lent for the boys storming Monte Cassino, for the lads knee-deep in New Guinea mud, for the skipper and crew of every LST. Sounds merciless to ask these gallant warriors to make more sacrifice, to give up something.

Lent is not the time to give up something dear, and so denial is not asked of these fighters. Lent is a time of doing, of getting down more earnestly to the work of thinking of God more frequently and of serving Him more wholeheartedly, and since this is the case, the soldier and sailor at Monte Cassino, Truk and the Italian beachhead must keep his Lent.

As for you, this is a Lent for you to do something. Do this: recall God more often during the day. Call upon your best girl but try to realize God accompanies you wherever you go. If you take long sleeps in the afternoon when vacationing, remember on awakening that God has been good in giving you the opportunity to "catch up". When the ration board greets you again and offers you five gallons of gas for your journeys about the hometown, just recollect that God helped somehow to make that enjoyment possible for you. When your mother calls you to the table for "three squares" a day, with all the milk and butter you want, just begin by seeing the hand of God in those material blessings, and then say grace.

Why give up candy, movies, dances for the 40 days of Lent and then for the remaining 325 days of the year spend little time in referring events of the day to God? Lent is a training period for making God a more vital part of our daily lives.

They say the closer the boys get to the front, the more they think about God and prayer. In some lives, prayer is a new phenomenon. Why should it be new? The constant remembrance of God in all we do must be normal for everyone in time of peace as well as in danger. If you seldom think of God during the day, then you need this Lent. And who can say he is exempt?

Here's The Catch.

You won't think often about God, unless you get in contact with Him. The letter from the folks and the note from the girl at home keep them alive in your thoughts. You come in close contact with God at Mass and Holy Communion, in the daily recitation of the Rosary, in the Wednesday night Lenten devotions with the folks.

Strange as it may seem, there will be rugged Marines, tired pilots, soldiers and sailors who will give up a cigarette or two each day during Lent. God is part of their lives; there is no other explanation. Self-denial will spring into your life too, once your mind and heart gives a little more time to God, His Goodness, His Power, His Mercy. You are going home: Take your Lent with you.

FAST Ash Wednesday Services. ABSTINENCE

6:45 A.M. Blessing and distribution of Ashes, followed by Mass in the Church.
All civilian students are to assist at this Mass. No hall Masses.

7:20 A.M. Mass in Sorin Chapel. Ashes distributed after Mass.

5:00 P.M. Mass (and Ashes) in military halls for servicemen.

12 noon to 1:00 P.M. Distribution of Ashes in DILLON Chapel for Office Workers and others who wish to use this opportunity.

PRAYERS: (deceased) Sister of Bro. Bertrand, C.S.C. John Wasikowski; uncle of Chas. Reanud (B-P); Howard Parker. '17 (Anniv.); Mrs. Tennis. (Ill) Robert Heinrich (Dil) appendectomy; niece of John Devlin; Clyde Cloverly. Two Special Intentions.