

Daily Adoration begins
next Monday. Will be
part of Christmas Novena....

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....for Parents. Sign up
for a half-hour period
when approached.

Pearl Harbor Day.

Thursday, December 7, is the third anniversary of the beginning of the war. The day cannot be allowed to pass without prayer and devotion towards our war dead. The deceased Notre Dame servicemen deserve our prayers; relatives and friends likewise. Concerted effort on the part of all the student body will give tremendous relief to the souls in Purgatory.

Plan to assist at Mass and receive Holy Communion with your hallmates, in your own hall chapel at the usual weekday Mass time on Thursday. On Thursday evening gather in the Church with the rest of the campus for Rosary and Benediction, immediately after the evening meal. There is a plenary indulgence granted for the recitation of the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament. You may transfer this indulgence to some Poor Soul, thereby sending him to Heaven.

A Happy New Year!

A Catholic runs his life on two calendars. The civic calendar guides his social and business life. The Church calendar guides the life of his soul. Last Sunday was December 3. It was also the first Sunday of Advent, the opening of the ecclesiastical cycle of feasts.

Advent is the time Catholics spend in preparation for the coming of a baby. For what is Christmas, if not the birthday of the Christ-Child? The world may have reasons for its celebration, but Catholics commemorate the day because it is the anniversary of the birth of their Savior and Redeemer.

Did you notice the manner in which Mother Church opened this new year? There was no "Glory to God in the Highest" in the Sunday Mass. The law prohibiting the solemnization of marriage went into effect and won't be lifted until Christmas. The celebrant of the Mass wore purple and the tabernacle was dressed in the same penitential color. Not a very gala opening for the start of a new season, nor as preparation for the coming of a new baby into the family!

And yet, is this not the best manner in which to prepare for Christmas Day? Our house should be put in order, decorated with virtue and the effects of sin should be washed away by confession and penance. When the baby arrives all should be clean and bright. Four weeks is not too long a period to prepare the crib of one's heart.

What have you planned to do for Advent? Certainly, you have planned something? You can't be so unconcerned about the coming of the Savior of the world as to lack inspiration to greater spiritual activity. This is the Divine Babe who will grow up and die for you. Two things you can do. The first is to unshackle yourself from mortal sin, if you are in that pitiful condition. And then you should do something extra, something you are not bound to do. Why not rise for daily Mass and receive Holy Communion? How big-hearted are you? Can you give up a cigarette for the Christ-Child, just one a day, say the one you usually take after breakfast? If you love Christ, you will do something.

PRAYERS: (killed in action, in France) Lieut. Bart O'Toole, '39, brother of Lieut. Don, '31, Lieut. Paul, '32, Sgt. Justin, '36, Lieut. Kevin, '42 and Bob O'Toole of Sorin.

GO TO CONFESION EARLY THIS WEEK. IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO HEAR MANY CONFESSIONS AT THE HOLY DAY MASS NEXT FRIDAY.