

Adoration (which you
should not miss) every
Sunday from 6 to 6:30 P.M.

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A shocking observation:
the number who don't receive
Communion on Sunday. Why not?

Are You Carrying Her Picture?

A marine pilot, a Catholic was lost for seventy-two days out in the Pacific. When rescued he told his story. "Flying a single-seater Corsair from Guadalcanal, I noticed the oil line leaking and bailed out. A special liquid kept the sharks off while I inflated the rubber raft. Two days later I found an uninhabited island. In the next thirty two days I lost sixty pounds and went from Island to island until a friendly native heard me screaming hysterically. HE SAW MY SCAPULAR and asked, 'Are you a Christian?' I said, 'Yes,' and he said, 'I'm a Christian, too.' He used a big knife to cut open my infected feet and arm, and took me to a village where he picked up more natives. We travelled by big canoe and on the 72nd day a big Navy flying boat picked me up 240 miles behind the Jap lines."

The scapular about the neck of the marine was a sign to the native -- a sign of friendship. It's the same with Our Blessed Mother. When she sees someone carrying her image in a wallet, on a rosary or around the neck she realizes that she has a friend in that person. What Our Lady sees especially is the love and affection that prompted this form of devotion towards her. A mother is delighted when she discovers that her son carries her picture, and a boy's girl is pleased when she makes the same discovery. It's the same with Our Lady. She is not going to forget the person who thinks enough of her to want her picture near at all times. Special blessings and protection are bound to come to devout wearers of Mary's medal.

She Wants It.

Two cases are known in which the Queen of Heaven expressed her desire that Catholics carry her image on their person. When Our Lady appeared to St. Simon Stock she made a promise which has brought millions of Catholics to wear her medal. About the Carmelite Scapular our Lady said, "WHOEVER DIES WEARING THIS SCAPULAR SHALL NOT SUFFER HELLFIRE."

In 1830 Our Blessed Mother appeared to a nun, Sister Catherine Laboure, in Paris. In the sanctuary of the convent chapel, the nun saw a beautiful Lady wearing a white veil and a robe shining with light. She was standing on a hemisphere, and in her hands was a globe which she pressed to her heart, while her eyes were raised to heaven. On her fingers were rings set with precious stones that sent forth dazzling rays of light. "These," she said, "are a symbol of the graces I shower upon all who ask for them." Then an oval frame formed about the apparition, and bordering the frame in letters of gold, appeared the inscription, "O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." At this moment the Blessed Virgin said to Sister Catherine, "Have a medal struck on this model. WHOEVER WEARS IT WILL RECEIVE GREAT GRACES, ESPECIALLY IF HE WEARS IT AROUND HIS NECK. Graces will be abundant for all who have confidence." This medal is known today as the Miraculous Medal.

Our Lady And The Football Team.

On the eve of scrimmage, nearly a hundred members of the football squad met in the Dillon Hall chapel to dedicate their summer practice sessions to Our Lady and to ask her special protection against injury. One of the players led the group in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin, and then the Prefect of Religion blessed each player individually with a relic of the True Cross. All the players were given a medal of Our Lady to wear. For them this medal will not be a goodluck piece, a charm. None of these men consider the medal another kind of rabbit's foot. They look upon wearing the medal around their neck or on their uniform as an act of devotion to their Heavenly Mother who will watch over them. When the medal hangs from a chain, it rests over the heart. This is a silent way of telling Our Lady that her help is needed in keeping that heart pure and Christ-like. Are you wearing her medal?

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