



Here is a bit of advice about Mass next Sunday. If you are staying at a hotel, leave word for the clerk to call you at a predetermined hour. If you are home, make sure some member of the family will arouse you. If you are staying with non-Catholic friends, ask them to awaken you, and don't be week-kneed about it. The time to make inquiries about the location of the nearest Catholic Church and the hour of Mass is Saturday night, not Sunday. To gamble with Mass is to gamble with your salvation.

#### How Holy Communion Helps the Poor Souls

Souls are suffering in Purgatory because they died before paying in full the debt of their sins: they needed more satisfactory merit. Through Holy Communion we can obtain satisfactory merit for the Poor Souls and apply it to their account, thereby shortening their period of suffering in Purgatory. Here are three ways by which your Holy Communions will bring relief to the Poor Souls.

1. When Christ comes in Holy Communion He gives each communicant a store of satisfactory merit which he can apply to his debt of sin. This is Christ's gift to the communicant; nevertheless, Christ permits one to transfer this merit to the debt of some Poor Soul. The better your Holy Communions, the more satisfactory merit does Christ give you; therefore, fervent Communions are more profitable for the Poor Souls, if you are to give them your satisfactory merit. (You can't give away the grace that makes you more charitable, more pure, more patient, etc.)
2. God rewards you in many ways for doing things to please Him, and one of these rewards is a removal of part of the debt of punishment due you because of sin. You can, if you wish, tell Christ to give your reward to some Poor Soul. Now each Holy Communion makes you love God more, each reception of Christ makes your motive for working, playing and suffering more supernatural and less worldly. Thus Communion prepares the way for you to get greater reward from Christ in virtue of a more Christ-like intention in your actions.
3. Every Catholic grows up with the truly Christian idea that a good action has all the petitionary power of prayer. Thus Catholics "offer up" their sufferings and their daily labors for some particular intention, which can be temporal or spiritual. A student can play basketball as a prayer of petition for success in a mathematics examination the following morning. Likewise, as an example, the students can offer their Holy Communion this week for the recovery of the injured football players and for victory over Army. Thus you can offer your Communion for the Poor Souls.

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