

Merry  
Christmas

Happy  
New Year

THE PREFECTS

OF RELIGION



St. Gerard's Christmas Tree

Near the home of Gerard Majella was a park full of shrubs and trees where the children of the neighborhood played their games. One evening, young Gerard was with a group of youngsters playing "church."

Gerard was the priest, the others were the congregation, marching up and down the park in procession. Suddenly Gerard got an idea for an altar. He made a little cross out of twigs and fastened it to an almond tree. Then he knelt down before it and began to pray.

Suddenly the whole tree was twinkling with stars that blazed so brightly that many people in the town came running out to see what was on fire. The parish priest saw the glowing light from his rectory and walked swiftly to the park. With his own eyes he saw the brightly lighted tree and Gerard kneeling before it. But he saw more -- down from the glittering tree he saw the Christ-Child come, bearing in His hand a small roll of white bread. Soon the lights turned dim; before long the park was in darkness.

The children ran home all excited and told their mothers what had happened. Gerard went home too, but he had no appetite. He told his mother he had eaten already; that the little Boy had given him a roll of bread.

#### Listen-In Sunday

Father Patrick Peyton's (CSC) annual Christmas Rosary program will be broadcast this coming Sunday, December 19th, over the Mutual network at 7:30 p.m.

The JOYFUL HOUR, as this program is called, was chosen as one of the five outstanding broadcasts of 1947. Christmas selections will be sung by Bing Crosby, Perry Como, Ann Jamison, Christopher Lynch, and others. Ethel Barrymore and Pedro deCordoba will be the narrators of the Christmas story. Other stars will take their part in the dramatization of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. This program will give you the true Christmas spirit.

PLAYERS: (deceased) Lieut. L.B. McClellan, friend of Bill Oden (Morr); uncle of Boy Mitchell (Ly). Nine Special Intentions.

#### CONFESSIONS

*Monday & Tuesday  
all morning, all afternoon  
in Dillon*

#### CHRISTMAS

*CHAINS  
Sunday 1:00 p.m.  
after Benediction*