

Address of "Two Priests  
Need Help": Fr. Howard  
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Appendectomy: Jim D'Romano  
(Dil), Wednesday noon.

### Mardi Gras.

To you Mardi Gras means a pre-lenten party of some kind, like the dance Saturday night downtown. To the people of Louisiana and the surrounding country it means a joyous few days of pageantry and fun in New Orleans.

Today Mardi Gras is associated with innocent entertainment. But there was a time when Fat Tuesday (literally translation of Mardi Gras) was a period of immorality of every sort. In its beginnings the Mardi Gras was an innocent carnival, but with time it became associated with "wine, women and song."

As you would expect, there were people who hated this carnival spirit and the occasion of sin it created. They could not prevent a Mardi Gras from taking place. They could, however, do something to prevent some sins and to make reparation for those acts of drunkenness and impurity that were committed. So while others spent the day and night in riotous living, these good people spent their free time before the Blessed Sacrament in prayer.

This devotion of reparation which started in a single parish church soon spread throughout the world. Today it still retains its original purpose of reparation and love towards Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

These three days of the Forty Hours are filled with abundant blessings for those who visit Our Blessed Lord in the Eucharist. No student is so busy that he cannot find time for at least one half-hour period of prayer on Sunday, Monday or Tuesday. Nothing prevents you from making your Adoration for an intention you are most anxious about at this time. Of course, spend some of your prayer-time in acts of reparation.

### Indulgences For Forty Hours.

A plenary indulgence may be gained once each day by those who receive the Sacraments, visit the Church, recite five times the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be To The Father, and another Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be To The Father for the intentions of the Pope.

An indulgence of fifteen years may be gained each time the Church is visited and prayers, as those mentioned above, are said with a contrite heart.

The confession required for gaining the plenary indulgence may be made at the time of the Forty Hours or during the eight days preceding or following it. Holy Communion may be received on the day preceding Forty Hours or during the eight days after it.

PRAYERS: (deceased) Jim Farragher, ex. '02 (Tickettaker at Golf Course); Martin A. Flynn, Sr., Friend of Mike McGuirl (Wal); father of Father Frank Wyss, CSC; uncle of Tom Keilty (Morr); George Pearce, friend of Bill Dwyer (Sor). (Ill) Msgr. Hillenbrand (Chicago); Arvid Naslund, friend of Jim Marheine (Dil); mother of Prof. Smithberger, Nine Special Intentions. One Thanksgiving. (Operation Fri.) mother of Ed. Marley (Sor.)

No 9:00 Mass this Sunday; 8:30 instead.

FORTY HOURS BRINGS MANY BLESSINGS

*Prepare for them by Confession tonight, don't wait until Sunday*