

Father Sheedy will speak
at Wednesday Lenten
Devotions, 7:00 P.M.

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Lent is still here.
Keep your penance-
promises.

A Case of Perfect Obedience.

In the Old Testament there is a hair-raising incident about Abraham and his son Isaac. At least it was a thriller for Isaac for he almost lost his life. The story is very simple.

God wanted to test the obedience and fidelity of Abraham before bestowing upon him the honor of being the leader of the Chosen People. The test was no easy one. God told Abraham to slay his son and offer him as a sacrifice. Abraham did not hesitate. He immediately set about gathering wood for the sacrificial fire, and he procured a knife for the slaying. Then he called little Isaac and both proceeded up the mountain to the place of sacrifice.

When Abraham came to the altar, he did not stop to reconsider the deed he was about to perform. He drew Isaac to him and held him securely. Then he grasped the knife and raised it for the plunge that would kill his son. Abraham began the fatal stroke. But it did not reach its mark, because his hand was withheld by an angel that God sent to tell Abraham that He was pleased with his obedience, and that he was to slay instead a ram that had mysteriously appeared.

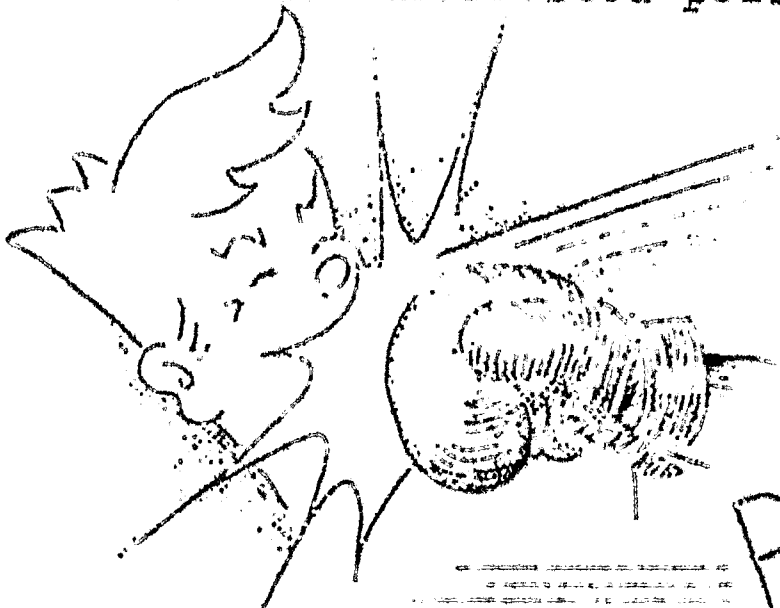
This story is depicted in a carving on the main altar in the Basement Chapel of the Church. It was placed on an altar intentionally. For just as Abraham showed obedience by promptly setting about to slay his son, so at Mass we must tell God that we will serve Him in all things, even to the slaying of sin and self-love.

The crucifix is on the altar to remind you that Christ offered Himself on the Cross. At the Consecration of every Mass Christ comes from Heaven to the altar to reoffer Himself "to be obedient even unto death".

You are to be alive at Mass. You are to stand beside Christ and down in your heart offer yourself to do God's will during the day and week. Certainly go to Mass to offer It for the Poor Souls, and for success in your classes, and for grace to overcome a bad habit. But do more than offer your wants -- offer yourself. Sinners improve more quickly when they promise God the perfect service of themselves. And blessings come abundantly when God sees that one is thinking of Him and not his own wants alone.

What's Your Major?

For Arts and Letters men: arrangements have been made to aid you in choosing your major field of study, and to give you information about your particular interest. The Heads of the various Departments in the A.B. school will give informal talks on their special fields -- this week, Tuesday through Thursday. A question-answer period will follow each talk. Full particulars are given on your hall bulletin board. All interested persons are invited.



More Bengal Dope.

The fights begin next Monday night, March 28th. They will run every night except Friday. The semi-finals will come on Thursday and the finals on Saturday. The first fight begins at 8:00 P.M. on all evenings. You will pay double for your ticket if you don't buy it before Monday night. The preliminary tickets, general admission, sell for

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25 cents (50 cents from Monday on). Pick up your ticket today at the Dining Hall during meal time or at the Huddle.