

Tonight: at 6:45  
Novena Devotions...

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Father Thomas Brennan will  
talk briefly.

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Wednesday Bulletin Correction

In the answer regarding campus boarders eating in South Bend, we said: "Abstinence forbids eating between meals." The correction: "Fasting forbids eating between meals." Fasting involves those between the ages 21 and 59 only, when they go to South Bend. We're sorry for such galloping on the high road to sanctity!

Go To Confession At Night

Have you had the disagreeable experience, lately, of standing in a long, unending line for Confession during Mass? It's not very conducive to piety, even to keeping your mind on the great Mystery unfolding before your eyes. It is not even comfortable.

And just as you get near to the box, up jumps the priest, very likely, to help give Communion, or to rush elsewhere as duty calls him. It's exasperating!

Many, many parishes, as you will learn later in your experience, never permit Confession during Mass. Why? Because it interferes with your proper assisting at Mass. After all, "It Is The Mass That Matters."

Occasionally, necessity knows no alternative. Mass-time is the only occasion that some individuals can manage this obligation. That's why we hear Confessions at Notre Dame during Sunday Masses -- for the sake of a few who can't come at any other time. Let's keep it that way, for those who can't come otherwise.

A Thoughtful Gesture

Men on campus can exercise a fine courtesy by leaving this limited opportunity to those for whom it is intended. On-campus students have confessors in every hall each evening. This is the proper time and opportunity to make use of such facilities. There's no rush, no confusion, no division of attention. And the confessor has ample time to devote to your particular problems.

Communion Outside Mass

The practice of distributing Communion every few minutes, here at Notre Dame, may give the impression that Mass is relatively unimportant. You are to infer no such thing. Your Communion should really be part of the Mass. Reception at any other time is tolerated only because you are unable to receive at Mass. For Lent, bend every effort possible to assist at daily Mass. Receiving Our Lord at this time is the most fruitful procedure possible on this earth.

The Notre Dame Club of Purgatory

Nature: Comfortable, convenient, no rush, no officers, no dues, hardly a meeting, no by-laws, no speeches, no rhyme, no reason; not much of anything.

Membership: A very select group of dullards, king-size, who dawdle.

Requirement: Just come late for Sunday Mass.

Rating: Not recommended by good Housekeeping, good sense, or good Catholics.

Warning: Don't join this subversive group!

ALMS: We're grateful for recent gifts: \$7 for the Missions; \$5 for the poor; another \$5 for the sick. And we can use more these days.