

Tonight at 6:45, the Novena to the Sorrowful Mother.

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Tomorrow - First Saturday of the Month -- Fatima Devotions in private.

Please Note This Change:

There will be no 10:15 Mass, this Sunday, in Sacred Heart Church

Palms will be blessed at the 9 o'clock Mass. And the ceremonies at this Mass will hold a deeper meaning for you if you follow them with your missal. The liturgy will be carried out in all its solemnity here at Notre Dame -- a most fitting introduction to the proper observance of Holy Week.

This Sunday, at the 9 o'clock Mass, the story of the Passion of Our Lord, according to St. Matthew, will be chanted. The characters in the drama will include Our Lord, St. Peter, the narrator of the story, and the Jewish mob. You'll be lost without a missal.

Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem will be enacted by a procession through the church with members of the clergy carrying palms, and the choir chanting the refrain of Our Lord's friends: "Hosannah to the Son of David. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord!"

You'll miss an important facet in your education at Notre Dame, if you do not take in this event. It may be the only opportunity you will ever have to observe the chanting of the Passion -- a throwback to the Miracle Plays of the Middle Ages.

Because of the length of this ceremony and Mass, the 10:15 Mass will be omitted in the church. Instead, several halls will have a 10:00 o'clock Mass, with one student selected by the rector to read the Passion in English. Watch your hall bulletin board for verification of this Mass in your individual halls.

Intention for April: "Religious Teachers"

Priests and Religious engaged in teaching the young need all the help we can give them by our prayers and good works. The teacher, by himself, cannot achieve the desired result any more than water, by itself, can produce beautiful flowers. There must be good soil, sunlight and fresh air as well. The good soil, in our case, is the pupil; the sunlight is the grace of God, and the fresh air is the prayers and good example of the faithful. Children must be taught to understand the value and purpose of the things in the world. Education and life itself are vain and useless if their purpose is not the love and service of God. No one else does the job so thoroughly and unselfishly as the Religious teacher. You should pray that God will send an abundance of vocations to this necessary apostolate, if our school system is to expand.

Today: Feast Of The Sorrowful Mother

This is the Feast of the Seven Dolors, a day for recalling how much the Mother of God suffered in her role as Co-Redemptrix of the human race. We recall the prophecy of old Simeon in the temple, on the occasion of the Presentation -- when he foretold a sword of seven sorrows would pierce her heart. This morning at Mass, you read the Stabat Mater from your missal, depicting one phase of the grief that was her lot. One can hardly recall the Crucifixion, without observing the broken hearted mother there at the foot of the cross -- without recalling that she was as brave as she was sad. You might also recall that she has an infinite compassion for us, especially the sinners. You might even want to observe the occasion in a fitting manner by attending the Novena tonight in her honor. If you do, you will be in tune with the season.

PRAYERS -- Ill Al Biermann of Dillon; mother of Joe Blackman of Dillon; uncle of Ed Fitzpatrick of Alumni. 2 Special Intentions.