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Please Note This Change:

Tonight at 6:45 in
Sacred Heart Church,
Sorrowful Mother Novena.

Tomorrow: Confessions in
Sacred Heart Church from
4:30 until 5:30 p.m.

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 new Holy Week 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.

Holy Week Missals, according to the newly restored rite, are available at the offices of the class chaplains, and at the Dillon hall pamphlet rack (25¢).

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 this throwback to the days of the Miracle Plays, once performed in mediaeval churches, will include Our Lord, St. Peter, the narrator of the story, and the Jewish mob. A missal will help you to follow the drama as it unfolds before you.

Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem will be enacted by a procession through the church, with the clergy and laity carrying palms, as the choir chants 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 part of your education at Notre Dame if you don't take in this event. A knowledge of, and participation in, the liturgy is something not offered at Rutgers, or Harvard, or M.I.T. At Notre Dame it can become part of your cultural background and Catholic heritage, if you'll but take a little time to absorb it. Indeed, you may never have another opportunity to witness such ceremonies elsewhere.

Feast Of The Sorrowful Mother

Today is the Feast of the Seven Dolours, 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 that a sword of seven sorrows would pierce her heart. This morning at Mass, you read the Stabat Mater from your missal, and learned 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, and without detecting that she was as brave as she was sad.

You might also recall that she has infinite compassion for us, especially the sinner. You might even be moved to observe the occasion in a fitting manner by attending the Novena in her honor tonight -- a fitting close to the day set aside to honor her in her grief.

A Philosophy For Suffering

"We turn this evil thing, suffering, into a good thing when we accept it as God's Will for us. And if God calls on you to spend twenty years on your back, in pain most of the time, and you go on telling Him that it is His Will, and you want it to happen because it is His Will, then believe me, you are in a fair way to going straight to Heaven."

-- Monsignor Ronald Knox

PRAYERS - Deceased: friend of Don Breitenstein of Alumni; Dr. Ernest M. Kersten; Mrs. M. E. Coyle. Six people who are ill, and 3 special intentions.