

Tonight at 6:45 in Sacred Heart Church - Novena to the Sorrowful Mother.

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Christmas card orders now being taken; proceeds go to the missions.

Memorial Mass Sunday

At the request of the Navy ROTC Unit, the 9 o'clock Mass in Sacred Heart Church will be offered for the repose of the soul of Commander Bear, USN, formerly assigned to Notre Dame. Pews off the center aisle will be reserved for Navy personnel.

A Little Embarrassing

Occasionally, weekend visitors at Notre Dame are at a loss to understand how so many of you can come late for Mass. They are not at all edified. Neither is Our Lord!

Sometimes, you may have noted in your parish at home that a person, or family, wanders in a little late. It could have been traffic problems, parking difficulties, or getting the children ready, or a number of other reasons that detained them momentarily. But you who live on the campus, who need but roll right out of bed and into the church, are hard put for any excuse. God understands the difficulties people encounter in this respect. By the same norm, He'll be severe with those who come late for no reason at all save carelessness. And this is one of the best ways available to you to store up a long session in Purgatory.

Never in all your life, very likely, will it be so convenient for you to get to Sunday Mass as it is here on the campus. Make the most of it. The obligation calls for you to be in your pew before the priest enters the sanctuary. Anything less than that is unworthy of a genuine Notre Dame man. Nor can God be generous to a soul who hedges on this important obligation.

Even more disturbing is the late-comer who wanders about the church looking for a vacant pew, or to go to confession. To obviate this distraction, ushers will request all late-comers to remain in the rear. Those who go to confession during Mass, are requested to remain in that locality. Ushers will direct early arrivals to occupy the choir seats in the sanctuary. Once Mass begins, no one is to move about the church. Come early and take any seat you wish. If you come late, be content with standing room in the rear.

At Communion time: Remember the rubric that directs all to kneel when the celebrant recites the prayers, Misereatur, Indulgentiam, and Ecce Agnus Dei, etc.

Another admonition: Don't come empty handed to Mass. Bring a missal, or prayerbook, or your beads, to help ward off distractions. Be a participator in the Sacrifice.

All Catholic college men are expected to be well informed on the liturgy and rubrics. A Catholic university should make an effort to orientate her students properly in the niceties concerned with the obligation of worshipping God. That's why we mention these details. It's part of your education here.

Freshmen are assigned to the 7,8, and 9 o'clock Masses; the Upperclassmen to the later Masses. Why? Because we can seat only 1000 men per Mass, and you number 6000.

PRAYERS REQUESTED - Deceased: uncle of Jerry Gorman of Dillon; Karl Barr, '23; John J. Fallon, '41; sister of John O'Brien, '50; father of Pat Fish of Breen-Phillips; Sturla Canale, '34; father of Bob Wiersberg of Breen-Phillips; grandfather of Ted Nekic of Breen-Phillips; friend of Joe Miller of Cavanaugh; Rev. Casimir Witucki, CSC; friend of Jerry Bechamps of Pangborn. Ill: Steve Johnson, '57 (auto accident); Mr. Joseph Larkin (benefactor); Adam Pawlowski (employee); mother of Fr. Joseph English, '37; father-in-law of William O'Brien, '44; aunt and uncle of Bob Callero of Pangborn.