

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

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No. 1 Resolution: To be on
time for all Sunday Masses,
beginning this very Sunday!

House Guests:

Everyone has some spare time for the entertainment of guests -- angels or devils. A devil is the one to guard against, because he's treacherous company. He comes in apologetically; and he's content with a tiny corner until he gets well established. But give him a chance; he soon has his feet on the mahogany, spits on the floor, and takes control of the entire house. Look over your guests to see if you have any of these seven registered:

1. Pride. This one has more false-faces than the man in the side-show. He comes in as humility, charity, zeal, meekness, self-respect -- as any one of a score of virtues; he never gives his real name, except when he knocks on the door of hell with a victim. The real test for pride: see how you stand up when confronted by some unpleasant truth regarding yourself and your limitations. Remember: humility is the truth.
2. Avarice. Judas gave this devil a cordial welcome; they were palsy-walsy. A test for this one: let go of a coin (anything up to a dollar) without getting any possible personal return for your investment.
3. Lust. You're sinking pretty low if you even let this guest park on the front porch. Weak characters with even a little self-respect try to keep him in the garbage department. He is very dangerous when he comes arm in arm with pride; or when he masquerades under the disguise of love. Test: self-denial.
4. Anger. This devil pushes his way in by brute force; and enlists pride to help him hold down his job. He is afraid of a club, and is always shy on self-control. He is unpredictable -- may do most anything and everything unpleasant. A good test: control of one's speech.
5. Envy. This one may very well be a she-devil -- but not necessarily so. She has no place as housekeeper for an honest man. It is obviously the trade mark of a small minded man. A good test: rejoicing in the success of another.
6. Gluttony. This one is the pig-in-the-parlor guest. Sometimes he's a nice pig, well-mannered, and manicured, soft-spoken, and well-soaped. If you insist on favorite dishes, or expensive tastes in food and drink, this little devil has a place in your abode. At times, quality more than quantity determines gluttony. Again, he's the fellow who stuffs himself. Test: eat what is placed before you, and retire while you are still feeling comfortable.
7. Sloth. He's the chummy one, who makes a comfortable companion. He offers to make all your hours a bundle of leisure. He softens the mattress during the day; and stuffs cotton in your ears at night, and throws the alarm clock out the window. He is the master-mind of the inside job -- as soon as he gets well established, he opens the backdoor to his six little confederates. A good test: Get up each morning for Mass in your hall chapel.

Remedy for all seven -- Don't let the devil find your heart empty when he comes knocking for admission. Daily Communion is the best insulation against all these infections.

PRAYERS -- Deceased: cousin of Jim O'Dea of Keenan; John McGuire; Mrs. Goudine; grandfather of Mike O'Neil of Dillon; Mike Immar; mother of Robert Landry (O.C.).

Sunday is the Feast of the Holy Family - a good day to pray for your own family.