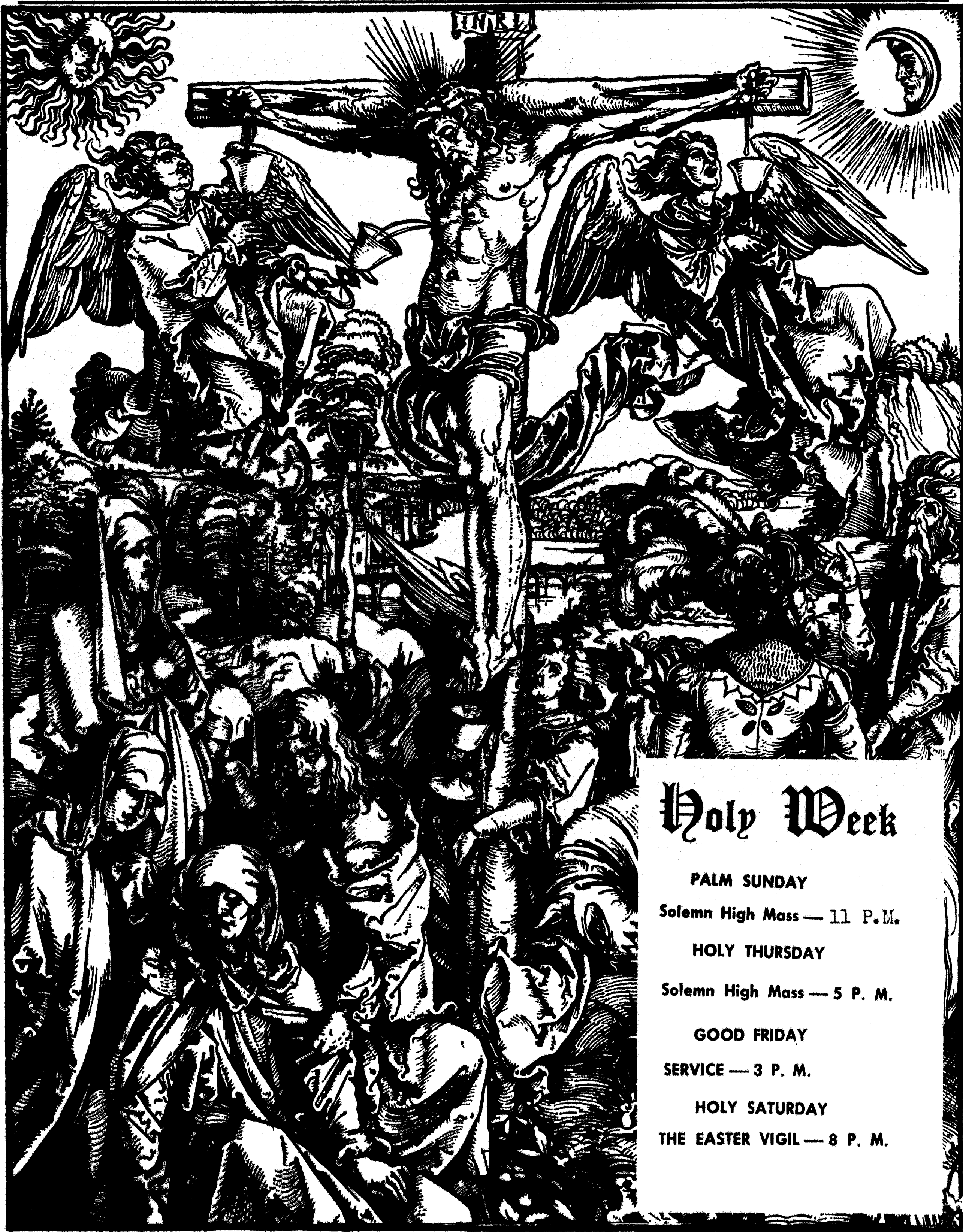


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Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY

Solemn High Mass — 11 P.M.

HOLY THURSDAY


Solemn High Mass — 5 P. M.

GOOD FRIDAY

SERVICE — 3 P. M.

HOLY SATURDAY

THE EASTER VIGIL — 8 P. M.



SPRING isn't due to arrive until 2:55 A.M. tomorrow morning. However, the "madness" that usually accompanies it seems to have come along ahead of schedule. My reason for saying this is that around the country generally students haven't been faring too well. Here in the midwest, three students were arrested for allegedly pulling a hold-up at a near-by motel. Out in the east, four-thousand undergrads at one school were placed on indefinite probation (which means no class-cuts or social activities) for a snowball free-for-all. In the south, eight are faced with damage suits totaling \$81,735 for wrecking a man's home. And, out west, twenty-six students are in the news--one seeking dreams in color ate some Mexican mushrooms and died, and twenty-five squeezed into a phone booth and came away with the same number of aching backs.

SPRING, as the Church sees it, should be a holy time. A Lent well-kept is a Holy Spring. A Lent well-kept could mean that the words of the poet might be true of you, when he said, "When you took your leave, I found God's footprints on my floor." When you took your leave? Your leave from where? Well, obviously, from this campus from which you will soon all be leaving. And, moreover, from the room where you just finished a card game; from Gilberts where you made a purchase; from the fieldhouse where you disagreed with a split decision; from the dining hall where you sampled the Friday fare; from O'Shaughnessy's room 116 where some cadet left his guide-on.

WHAT KIND OF FOOTPRINTS do you leave? After having nearly completed this Lenten season, are they any different from what they were before Lent began?

DURING THIS greatest and holiest of weeks that is about to begin, take the time to determine whether you've been in step with the Church during the past five weeks. If you haven't been, then, perhaps, there's a good chance one

of you will be finding himself in the news for something or other that might be classified as "spring madness", to say nothing of "serious business".

PALM SUNDAY IS THE GATEWAY to Holy Week. It is a memorial to Our Lord's solemn entry into Jerusalem, just prior to His Passion and Death. It is also a feast in honor of Christ the King. It commemorates the first time during His earthly exile that Our Lord allowed the people to pay Him royal homage. When, at a few minutes before eleven on Sunday morning the congregation assembles at the Grotto (weather permitting) and begins the procession into the church, those in the procession will be paying Him the homage that is His due. They will be representing all of us. And our subsequent actions can make their act of homage meaningless. However, the procession will not be meaningless, nor need we be guilty of the same crime as were the people who took part in the first Palm Sunday procession, if we keep in mind that this day also introduces us to Christ's sacred Passion. It reminds us that we must share Christ's burden, a task that is suited only to those who are truly willing to be martyrs

SO THERE YOU HAVE IT. Palm Sunday should mean for you (regardless of what is going on on other campuses) that Christ the King of martyrs, is entering upon His sacred Passion in union with all martyrs and confessors, in union with all the members of His Body the Church.

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