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EXPOSITION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament continues each week-day afternoon during May, from Noon until 4:45.

We have asked that Hall Spiritual Commissioners follow this order in an effort to have adorers before the Blessed Sacrament all the time: Monday--Alumni, Fisher, Walsh, and Stanford residents; Tuesday--Sorin, Dillon, and Pangborn residents; Wednesday--Badin, Howard, Keenan, and Lyons residents; Thursday--Morrissey, Breen-Phillips, and St Edward's residents; Friday--Zahm, Cavanaugh, and Farley residents.

MOVIE

Tomorrow evening at 7:30, there will be a movie, "The Apostolate of the Poor", Nieuwland Science Hall, Room 123.

BOOK DRIVE

Paperbacks, textbooks, novels, and documentaries, all will be acceptable when the representative of the Council for the International Lay Apostolate steps at your door to receive any books you may have for the Missions. These books will be sent to institutions in Africa and South America, providing an opportunity for countless others to come to know the truth.

ORPHANS

Morrissey Hall residents have "adopted" two Korean orphans for a one year period. The cost of maintenance for each of these boys is \$120 per year. Both boys are at the "Boy's Town" Orphanage maintained in Seoul, Korea, by the Catholic Relief Services of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.



Left: Pak
Ung Kun,
age 5 yrs.
Right: Lee
Dae Yon,
age 6 yrs.



IN YOUR CHARITY

Please pray for the following. Deceased: Father of Rev. Fred A. Schmidt, C.S.C., '33; Thomas Gregory, '23; uncle of Tom Walsh of Howard. Ill: Mother of David Eartly of Howard; mother of Edwin White of the Library Staff; George McCarthy, '49; mother of a Holy Cross priest; friend of John Burnet of Walsh. Eight special intentions.

The Week in Liturgy

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Monday, May 8

Rogation Monday. The power of prayer, of confident, persistent prayer, is the message of the scripture readings in the Mass which follows the Rogation procession. This procession on the three days before Ascension Day expresses the Church's confidence that God hears not only prayers of adoration, thanksgiving and contrition, but also prayers of petition. The Litany of All Saints calls on all possible intercessors, affirming our interdependence in the Mystical Body. Each Christian will have his own petitions to add to the general ones by which the Church asks God's blessing for itself, the world, governments, crops, etc. Where the Rogation procession is not held, the Mass is that of Sunday.

Tuesday, May 9

Rogation Tuesday. St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishop, Confessor, Doctor. Again today there is a choice of either the Rogation procession and Mass or the Mass of St. Gregory. The rural areas of our Nation are more sensitive to the meaning of the Rogation days than are the urban ones, where this time of year is much the same as any other, holds no special and critical promises or fears. But even in the cities we can see the appropriateness of a special celebration during this season of triumph in which the great petitions for the common needs of mankind, condensed in every Mass in the collects and the canon, are embellished and extended in a slightly different and perhaps more dramatic way than in the prayers of Good Friday.

Wednesday, May 10

Rogation Wednesday. Vigil of the Ascension. Where the Rogation procession is not held, the Mass today is that of the Vigil.

The Church knocks at the door of the Father again, asking again on behalf of all men to whom Christ's Resurrection has given hope and assurance. Asking, not because she fears that she has not been heard, but because she knows God as Father, and because a Father likes to hear his child, even if the refrain is the same.

Thursday, May 11

The Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Holy Day of Obligation. He whose earthly work is done returns to the Father. It is the Ascension of Christ, our Head and Brother. The goal of human life is not here—eternity is the goal, time is the means. But here and now we are working in time. And the Epistle and Gospel tell us to take time seriously. Christians are not to stand around looking heavenwards. They are rather to plunge themselves into the earthly task of being His witnesses, of guiding creation toward its completion in that final coming of the Savior which He promises.

Friday, May 12

SS. Nereus, Achilleus and Companions, Martyrs. The first Mass after Ascension Day celebrates the ultimate witness to the Savior: martyrdom. If this seems like a forsaking of the earth rather than a service to it, the Christian must remind himself that under certain circumstances a man of faith can do nothing but resist to the end. Ordinarily, of course, he accommodates himself to society so that he can be an instrument of Jesus' truth and life within the society. But there are times when society becomes so corrupt or so wrong-headed that the only witness he can give is to defy it, to separate himself from its mad path, and to suffer death or imprisonment if that is necessary.

Saturday, May 13

St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, Confessor, Doctor. The Gospel speaks of the Christian witness to which Baptism and Confirmation and the "Ite, missa est" of every Mass commission us. It compares this witness to salt and to light. The Epistle describes

one of the gifts of the Spirit—wisdom, one of the gifts which Christ after His return to the Father sent upon His Church. Knowledge is great and good. But wisdom, which evaluates and assesses, which "sees the great as great and the small as small," is not only the fruitful talent of this doctor of the Church. It is a most precious possession of every Christian, through faith and the hierarchy of values which faith makes clear.

WHILE THE Astronauts are flying back to Langley Field and back to the preparations for future flights in-to outer space, to Moon, Mars, and Venus; and while Carry Back is figuring the tax-bite on his Saturday afternoon earnings, every Mother's son hereabouts should be engaged in making the Novena for Mother's Day. Nine days of prayer and the reception of the Sacraments will mean a great deal more to your Mother than the biggest orchid corsage or box of candy. So, if you haven't yet begun the Novena, start this evening. Make sure she doesn't have that "left out" feeling, when she hears that your room-mate's Mother received a card saying he made the Novena for his Mother. Granted, it requires added effort and a certain amount of thoughtfulness. Isn't she deserving of this, though?



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