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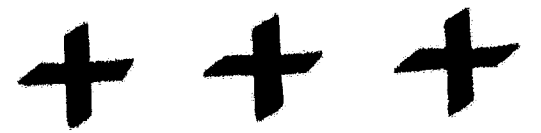
BLUE MONDAY

Here are some things that make us glad on an otherwise gloomy Monday.....when a student comes in and says, "Father, I found some money near the Bookstore; can you find the rightful owner?".....when we hear that the members of the Met Club have donated \$1000 for a room in the new library in honor of their long-time moderator.....when the mail brings a letter from His Eminence, Cardinal Cicognani, saying, "On the occasion of the Holy Father's recent anniversaries, the students of the University of Notre Dame had the thoughtfulness to forward a rich spiritual bouquet for his acceptance. When directing me to send you this acknowledgment, His Holiness bade me say that one of the manifestations of filial devotion from which he derives great comfort and consolation is the offering of prayers and good works for his welfare and intentions. He therefore desires me to convey the expression of his sincere appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to all those who united for the presentation of this gift, and he promises that in his Masses and prayers he will ask Almighty God to reward you all in bounteous measure. And as an added mark of his thankfulness, the Pontiff cordially imparts to all at the University of Notre Dame his paternal Apostolic Benediction."

THE NOVENA

The Novena for Parents begins tomorrow. All should be at Mass and Communion daily during the next nine days. Add to this the daily Rosary and the following prayer:

O Lord, fill my parents with Thy choicest blessings; enrich their souls with Thy holy grace; grant that they may faithfully and constantly guard that likeness to Thy marriage with the Church. Fill them with the spirit of Holy Fear, which is the beginning of wisdom, and continually move them to impart the same to their children; may they ever walk in the way of Thy commandments, and may their children be their joy in this earthly exile and their crown of glory in their home in Heaven. Amen.



The Liturgy

Monday, Dec. 4

St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Doctor. This Mass of a great teacher in the Church complements yesterday's urgent summons to be ready for eternity. For it is the saints who show us how to be ready, how to give full value to this life and to this world of ours. Not only its proper value, in terms of the temporary needs of human beings—food, shelter, clothing, education, and so on—but also its value as time for sharing the light (Christ) and for teaching men so that they too will receive the "crown of justice" (Epistle).

Tuesday, Dec. 5

Mass as on Sunday. Besides the Gospel promise of the "Parousia" (His coming at the end of time), Epistle and Collect, too, have the same message. Time is seen as a preparation for the final event. As long as we are on this earth we are on the way. We have not yet arrived. So, whether in the world, or in the Church, imperfection haunts us, sin mars the stability we long for. The Lord incorporates us into His Mystery, makes His saving acts our own (in Baptism, in every Mass, in the liturgical year).

Wednesday, December 6

St. Nicholas, Bishop, Confessor. One cannot separate for long the mysteries of Christ, the events by which He saved us. They are all one Mystery, one divine intervention in human history. So the same Advent which excites our faith in a divine fulfillment at the end of time is also a preparation for Christmas and Epiphany, for the annual celebration of the Nativity and the Manifestation to mankind of the Son of God. The gift-giving attributed to Bishop Nicholas can still be a Christian custom on the Feast of the Nativity if love rather than commercial rivalry is its motivation. "By such sacrifices," says the Epistle, "God's favor is obtained."



THE ANGELUS

Before the church bells begin ringing out the traditional Christmas carols, let's talk about the daily practice of ringing the bells for the Angelus.

Southern France is generally regarded as the home of the Angelus. The practice dates back at least to the Middle Ages, and the ringing of the bells may be derived from a monastic practice that goes back many centuries before the Angelus was used.

There seems to be no really fixed custom concerning the number of times the bells are rung for the Angelus. In this country, however, the most common practice is to ring three series of three strokes and then conclude with one series of nine or twelve strokes.

In order to gain the indulgence of ten years attached to the Angelus, the following prayers must be said:

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Ghost.

Hail Mary.

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord,

R. Be it done unto me according to Thy word.

Hail Mary.

V. And the Word was made flesh,

R. And dwelt amongst us.

Hail Mary.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that, as we have known the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son by the message of an Angel, so by His Passion and Cross we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

IN YOUR CHARITY

Please pray for the following. Deceased: Friend of Dan Manelli, Off-Campus; friend of Pat McMahon of Sorin; father of Rev. William O'Connor, C.S.C.; father of Brad Terrence of Sorin; brother of Rev. Gordon Wilcox, C.S.C.; grandfather of Tom Calogero, Off-Campus; friend of Tim Ucker of Badin; mother Daniel Kelly, '57. Ill: Rev. Thomas O'Donnell, C.S.C.; friend of Pat McMahon of Sorin; grandfather of Charles Schnepf of Cavanaugh; father of Bill Chiles of Dillon; mother of Richard D'Amico of Lyons.