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SIGNALS OF GRACE

"Instead of getting to heaven at last I am going all the way."
- Emily Dickinson

ON FOUR WEDNESDAYS IN THE SPRING OF 1988

FEBRUARY 3
Dr. Regina Coll, CSJ
University of Notre Dame
Notre Dame, IN
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Most Rev. William E. McManus
Chicago, IL
GIVING

FEBRUARY 17
Rev. John S. Dunne, CSC
University of Notre Dame
Notre Dame, IN
SUFFERING

FEBRUARY 24
Dr. Ann Clark
Saint Mary's College
Notre Dame, IN
LEARNING

Wednesdays, 12:15 - 1:15 p.m.
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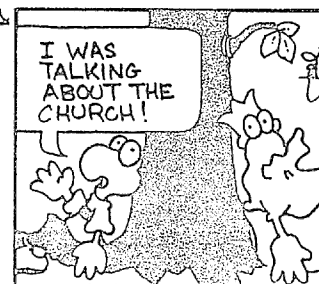
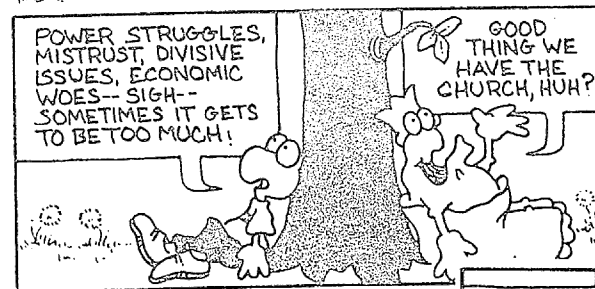
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- Fr. John Dunne, C. S. C., Theology Department		
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- Sr. Regina Coll, C. S. J., Theology Department		
SCRIPTURE	February 21	February 23
- Sr. Jean Lenz, O. S. F., Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs		
SACRAMENTS	February 28	March 1
- Fr. Bob Kennedy, Doctoral Candidate / Theology Department		
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- Fr. Drew Christiansen, S. J., Theology Department		

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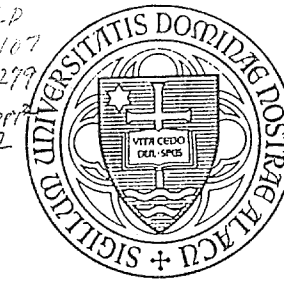
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The LORD heals the
brokenhearted
and binds up
their wounds.

Great is the
LORD'S mercy
and love.



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Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
February 7, 1988

Great is our Lord
and mighty in power!

Reach out
in
of

Jilted ?

Depressed ?

Lonely ?

Distressed ?

Confused ?

Brokenhearted ?

Doubtful?

Misunderstood ?

Going getting tough?

Winter Blues gotcha?

All of us at some time or another feel as if the deck is stacked against us. MISERABLE is a good descriptive word for how one feels and we often let this feeling fester within. Such festering hardly encourages a healthy disposition or attitude towards life.

Scripture often relates to this human condition. Job in today's first reading complains to God

Behind in studies?

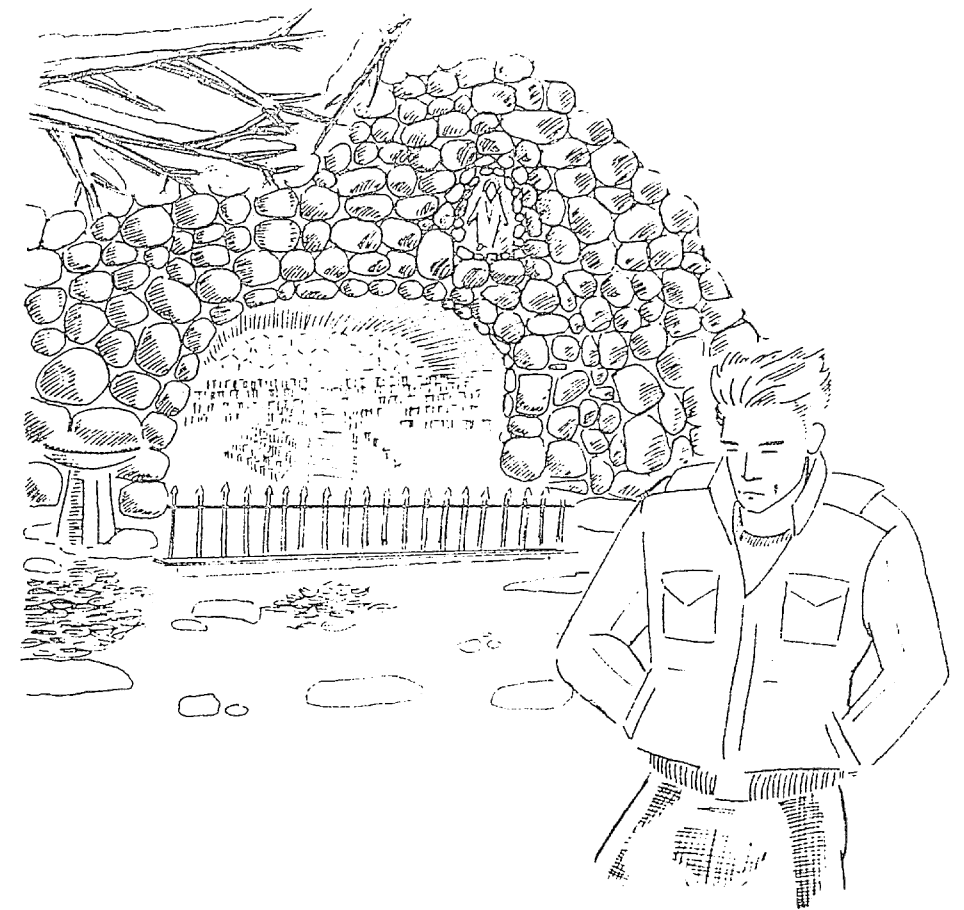
Broke ?

about his oppressed condition. As the song goes, "I never promised you a rose garden!" Jesus himself endured misunderstanding, jealousy, suspicion, failures, and plenty of undeserved pain. "My Father," he said "if this cup cannot pass by without my drinking it, your will be done!" Jesus in his humanity was not too anxious to endure the Paschal Mystery from the Good Friday end. He pleads with the Father. Then, from the cross Jesus cried, "My God, My God, why have you deserted me?" He shares our feelings of rejection and desertion. We need Jesus to help us better understand and deal with the suffering or bad feelings that come our way.

Yet St. Paul tells us that God wants us to be happy, always happy. Being spiritually or emotionally happy does not mean we have to enjoy being miserable; but it does mean we can be happy even though we feel miserable at times. Yes, we can complain and God hears our complaints. Ultimately our God figures in all that we do and all that happens in our lives. The more we allow Him to be in on our lives, the more we accept what comes our way and deal positively with it, the happier we will be. ...even when it is tough going. Then, the tough gets going.

We cannot go it alone. We need God and we need one another.

Christians know how to deal with the tough! Christians know that they are loveable and that God loves them no matter how miserable they feel.



LIKE THE SLAVE, SIGHING FOR THE SHADE,
OR THE WORKMAN WITH NO THOUGHT
BUT HIS WAGES,
MONTHS OF DELUSION I HAVE
ASSIGNED TO ME,
NOTHING FOR MY OWN BUT NIGHTS
OF GRIEF.

JOB 7:1-4