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SATURDAY, DEC 1. 1900. Weekly Church Calendar,

Sunday, Dec. 2-First Sunday of Advent. Gospel, St. Luke, xxi. 25-33. St. Viviana,

wirgin and martyr.

Monday, 3—St. Francis Xavier, confessor, Tuesday, 4-St. Barbara, virgin and martyr. Wednesday, 5-St. Sabas, abbot Thursday, 6-St. Nicholas, bishop and con-

Friday, 7-St. Ambrose, bishop, confessor, and doctor of the church. Saturday, 8-IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

ADVENT.

The church has now entered upon the holy season of Advent, preparatory to the great festival of Christmas. Advent is known in that portion of the ecclesiastical year as Christmastide, which composes Advent, as the anticipation of the feast; Christmas Day, or the great feast itself; the days between Christmas day and Candlemas day, as it were an echo or sequence of the great celebration.

The season of Advent, embracing the four weeks preceding Christmas day, represents the four thousand years during which mankind was compelled to await the advent or coming of the

Advent should kindle within us a desire for the grace of the Redeemer, and serve as a time of humble and penitential preparation for the feast of His birth. The mass celebrated during Advent is called the Rorate mass because its introit opens with the words: "Rorate coeli desuper, et nubes pluant justum-"Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let clouds rain upon the Just; let the earth be opened, and lead forth a Saviour" (Isaiss XLV. 8). The mass is celebrated at the break of day, signifying the gloom of the long period during which mankind had to wait for the rising Sun of justice.

The church incites to penance and humility during Advent by the wearing of violet vestments; the omission ot all hymns of joy, for example, the "Gloria in Excelsis," and to especially study the Sunday epistles and gespels, which teach and urge penance and reformation of our lives.

The feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, December 8th, is celebrated in Advent. On that day the church commemorates the truth that Mary, by special Divine decree, and by signal favor obtained through the merits of Jesus Christ from the moment of her conception was preserved from the stain of original sin, and was full of grace, in order that she might be worthy to become the mother of the Son of God. The Immaculate Conception is a festival of the first class, with an octave, and is a day of obligation. It is the patronal feast of the church in the United States, and in almost every city of the country is a church dedicated to the Immaculate Conception.

The fast days in Advent are the three ember days of winter, in the week following the third Sunday of Advent and Christmas eve, as the immediate preparatory fast for the feast.

Rochester bids fair to vie with Chieago and other western cities in outlawry. The slayer of Miss Theresa. Keating has not yet been apprehended. Women are assaulted in their own homes, and it is autremely dangerous to be on the streets alone at night. On Wednesday evening a tall, fleshy man followed two ladies down Weld street to a certain house, and even had andreity to read to said when

The state of the s

The Teachers' Federation, which held a mass meeting in Chicgao rocently has been endeavoring to hold the Board of Equalization to honest and thorough work.

The Federation was addressed by Right Rev. John Lancaster Spalding at considerable length. His Lordship,

of Peoria, spoke in part as follows: "I am persuaded that this work on the part of the Teachers' Federation te bring to justice in Chicago every corporation in the matter of taxation is a work of the first educational value The aim of education is justice more even than intelligence; morality even more than knowledge. Here for many years the citizens of Chicago, as the facts have been given by Miss Haley, have been robbed by the corpotations, who have dishonestly evaded the payment of their lawful debts. They are the oppressors of God's poor. Is there any moral indignation? No: there is none. The power of moral indignation has almost died out of us. and it is the symptom of moral death.

"A wrong done by a powerful man

is doubly and trebly wrong A wrong done by a great corporation, by a trust, is infinitely wrong A wrong done by a body that owes its existence to the people, takes the property that the people's labors have made valuable, and then uses that franchise Greed. The belief that money is man's judgment. chief good is the root of commercialfree, honest, intelligent, self-respecting men and women. The time is bound to come when men, looking back fifty or a hundred years from now, will consider us as ignorant and

didn't combine in a trust. They form ment, for to avoid sin and excite our children; they take the heart out of solicitude, recalls it to our mind at the the mother, and drive the father to the beginning and end of the ecclesiastical saloon and to murder.

"Government of the people, by the people, for the people, is fast becoming government of the trusts, by the trusts, for the trusts. And when you enter upon this method of government through bribery, through appeal to greed, then you let down all the bars that make the field of honor and of justice and of morality.

"It is a noble work. I thank God that the Teachers' Federation has gone into it, and if what woman wills, God wills, you will conquer. It is a frightful battle. You know what these men are as well as I. The corporations, they say, have no souls. But the trust has a soul, a devil's soul, going about seeking whom it may devour. And let me tell you this idea that pervades our public opinion, that whatever is legal is right, that legality is justice-that is the falsest idea that ever came forth. All the great crimes in history have been legal crimes. When public opinion reaches a certain degree of distance from just ideas, it tolerates everything, and all promulgated by the Supreme Presikinds of laws can be enacted. Public dent: opinion rules, and if public opinion the greatest wrong."

deal with the natives in lumber. He took with him his young wfe. After the birth of their first child the parents took it in a schooner 300 miles that it might receve from a priest the sanctifying waters of baptism. On tutions, Supreme and Grand by laws, thorized minister of the Church, al-ling with new sections, amendments, sionary priests, landed in Sydney and pealed. commenced missionary work. Thomhome province 150 priests, 600 nuns and 100,000 Catholics. Such has been the progress of the Church during the

life of one man." Archbishop of Armagh, will remain in Rome to await the ratification by the Congregation of Rites, of the decoration of the recent Synod of May before the first of next year. sooth, Ireland.

FIVE MINUTE SERMON.

HORT INSTRUCTIONS ON THE GOS-

"Amen I say to you, this genera tion shall not pass away till all things be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but My words shall not pass away." -- Gospel of the day.

The purpose of Our Lord in this discourse was to make known some of the events which are to precede the end of the world and to incite Christians to prepare for that general judgment which He will come to pass on the living and the dead, that is, on the

just and the unjust. According to the Gospel of St Matthew, Our Lord, in the discourse of which the Gospel of to-day is but a part, spoke of two things, namely, the destruction of Jerusalem and the end of the world. Referring to the destruction of Jerusalem, Our Lord by 'this generation' meant the Jews who lived in his own time. Referring to the end of the world, "this generation" means the whole human race. As His prediction regarding Jerusalem has been fulfilled by the overthrow of that city, so will His prediction regarding the end of the world be fulfilled. He has pledged His word, and His word does not tail The heavens and the earth shall pars away, but the

word of Christ will not change the Church at the beginning of Adto swindle the people, is worse than a vent directs our attention to this Gos h ghway robber. It is then a ques- | pel to remind us of that general judgtion of dishonesty. What is at the ment which Christ will pass on the last bottom of this dishonesty? Greed. day, for three motives referable to that

The first motive is to remind us of ism; that it is more important to how Jesus Christ will one day descend have cheap goods and compete in all on earth in awful majesty to demand the markets of the world than to have account of the uses we have made of His graces and gifts, and to judge us according to our actions. The second motive is to incite us by a wholesome fear to prepare ourselves to receive Jesus Christ with love at His first as barbarous and as cruel as savages. | holy law, so that at his second coming Why are these trusts such an we may appear with confidence, well evil? I know they say they make prepared, at His tribunal. And the themselves necessary. They would last motive is to impress deeply on our cut one another's throats if they minds the thought of the last judga trust. They capitalize it at four or selves to penance it is enough to know five times the value of their property, that one day all our actions will be and then they have to pay dividends judged. It is to make this thought of upon these fictitious values. To do it the last judgment useful and efficathey grind the poor. They starve the clous that the Church, with maternal

> year, and frequently during the course of the year. We should meditate on the coming of Christ, the Judge, in order to commemorate the day when He came as the Savior. We should often pray to the Child Jesus to be reborn and grow in our hearts with His holy grace. We should prepare in our hearts the way for Him by penance and piety, and above all by the use of the holy sacra-

SUPREME PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMA

HORNELIAVILLE, N. Y., Nov. 26, 1900.

To the Officers and Members of the

Catholic Mutual Benefit Association: BROTHER -- Whereas, at the second triennial and twelfth convention of the Supreme Council of our Association, held in the city of Buffalo, New York, on the eleventh day of October, 1900, a resolution was adopted, "That the constitution and by-laws as amended and adopted by that convention, become the laws of the Association when

Now, Pursuant to that resolution, declares in this country that legality and in accordance with my duty as is right, money will be able to have Supreme President, I do hereby proall the laws that it needs passed, and mulgate and declare, that the constithen the highest legality will become tution and by laws of the Supreme Council of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, as amended and adopt-Speaking recently of the progress of ed by the Supreme Council conven-Catholicity in New Zealand, Bishop tion, on the 9th, 10th and 11th days Lenihan said: "In Auckland the of October, 1900, at the city of Bufprogress in faith and religion has falo, New York, and since revised by been rapid. Sixty years ago a Catho- the duly authorized committee of said lic. Thomas Byington, went there to Supreme Council, and printed by the Brooks Company of Cleveland, Ohio, shall take effect and be in full force as the laws of the Association on and

after the first day of December, 1900. All articles and sections of the Supreme, Grand and Branch constituthe birth of their second infant it was beneficiary and reserve fund articles, taken 1,800 miles by schooner and rules of order and code of procedure, across country that it, too, might re- and all rules and regulations of the ceive baptism from a legitimately au- Association, inconsistent and conflictthough under such circumstances a alterations and new by-laws adopted lay person could have officiated. In at the last triennial session of said Su-1838 a bishop from France, with mis- preme Council are hereby declared re-

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JOHN J. HYNES, (Signed) Supreme President.

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