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Weekly Church Calendar. Sunday August 17—Gospel St. Luke, xvii 11-19—St. Joachim, father of B. V. M.



The Cure of the Leper. As a leper is a disgusting object to men, so is a lewd sinner an abominable object to the eyes of God.

According to the Old Law it was necessary for lepers to have recourse to the priests to be cleansed from the legal impurity and restored to society.

We should learn to be grateful to the divine mercy by which, through the merits of Jesus Christ, we have been cleansed not only once, but very often from the leprosy of sin.

How to Make a Good Confession. First—Examine your conscience that you may know all your sins.

Archbishop Corrigan. The late Archbishop Corrigan always had a dread of sudden death, not because he feared to die, but because he feared he might be cut off thereby from the last consolation of Catholicism.

The Church. I am a Catholic, just as I am a dweller on this planet, and a lover of yellow sunlight and flowers in the grass.

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THE CHURCH MILITANT.

The Church has scandals, she has a reproach, she has shame; no Catholic will deny it. She has ever had the reproach and shame of being the mother of children unworthy of her.

What triumph is it, though in a long line of between two and three hundred Popes, amid martyrs, confessors, doctors, sage rulers, and loving fathers of their people, one, or two, or three are found who will fulfill the Lord's description of the wicked servant, who began "to strike the maidservants and the maid-servants, and to eat and drink and be drunk?"

With the simplicity and absence of ostentation that mark his character even in a religious sense, Cardinal Gibbons has passed through France without causing noise or sensation. The press was able to say but little about him, because in general he gave journalists a wide berth.

When one observes Catholics leaving the Church as the priest commences to read the last Gospel, he is inclined to ask, "Do these people appreciate, as they should, what the Mass is? Do they realize the fact that they are insulting Our Lord and treating the celebrant with disrespect?"

Although Cardinal Kopp, prince-bishop of Breslau, Germany, ordained a few days ago no less than 56 new priests for his diocese, the supply of clergy is still insufficient to fill up all the gaps created by the long defunct Kulturkampf.

Good Catholics rejoice in the opportunity of sending their children to Catholic schools. To them it is of the greatest importance to know that when their children leave the sanctuary of Catholic homes they are committed to the care of those whom God himself has appointed to lead men to Him.—Catholic Universe.

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HEROES OF CHRIST.

Sublime Self-Sacrifice of Men Who Served Beneath the Cross. Those who profess belief in the "religion of humanity" ought look more impartially into the deeds done by those who follow Christ.

During the Franco-Prussian war when virulent smallpox enhanced the horrors surrounding the wounded and the dying, a soldier saw a Christian Brother tenderly ministering to a patient in the most poignant form of the disease.

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Bishop Tierney Approves of the Order and Encourages His People to Join It.

Bishop Tierney of Hartford was asked recently how he regarded the Knights of Columbus regarding which order Bishop Janssens of Belleville Ill. has expressed his disapproval by informing the priests of his diocese that he does not want the order established within his jurisdiction.

A CHANCE FOR THE BOY. Six free day-student scholarships at St. John's college, Fordham, will be open for competitive examination at the college on September 4th, 5th, and 6th.

A READER OF YELLOW JOURNALISM. Recently we heard a wealthy Catholic admit that he did not read any Catholic paper, notes a writer in The Catholic Citizen.

Faithful Lives. To help to establish those standards by which other people shall shape their lives, to help make the faith of other people who shall live in years after we are dead and forgotten stronger, more capable of knowing the truth, more capable of doing right because we have lived—that is to sit with Jesus upon his throne and judge the world.

Some time next October the Sulpicians will open their new house of studies, adjoining the Catholic University at Washington. A building, formerly the property of the order of the Holy Cross, has been leased and arranged for that purpose. It is considered a good location.

A PLEASING RECORD.

THE DISTINCTION THAT MARKS OLD ST. PETER'S IN LOWELL.

From Its Sunday School Three Bishops, Those Occupying the Sees of Portland, Me.; Mobile, Ala., and Sioux City, Ia., Were Graduated.

Old St. Peter's Catholic church, Lowell, is entitled to the distinction of having graduated from its Sunday school three bishops. William H. O'Connell, bishop of Portland, Me.; Edward P. Allen, bishop of Mobile, Ala., and Philip J. Garrigan, bishop of Sioux City, Ia.

Their friends in the old parish at Lowell predict still higher ecclesiastical honors for these three eminent churchmen. All were boys of poor parents. All three know what it is to earn their bread by the sweat of their brow.

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Rev. Father Michael Ronan is the present pastor and presides over one of the finest church buildings in America—the new St. Peter's, built of granite and occupying a commanding site.

A Girl's Character. A girl cannot be too careful about her character. For, like a snowy lily, the least blemish tarnishes its beauty.

Catholic Education. A free thought journal of the City of Mexico, having asserted that the Mexican government ought to prohibit converts from teaching, stating that religious schools of every class are "incubators of ignorance."

His Grace Declined. Archbishop Williams has twice been offered an honorary degree by Harvard, and his grace on both occasions courteously asked to be excused from accepting the honor.

SHORT SERMONS.

A life of study is not far removed from a life of piety. Truth, however broad, is necessarily single sided. Only falsehood presents two faces.

A good deed is never lost. He who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.

Only a loving heart can effectually present a loving gospel; only one who himself loves sinners and is willing to deny himself for their sake can faithfully and persuasively represent him who lived and gave himself for sinners.

HIS STRANGE MISSION.

A Story of the Late Father Walters of Washington.

To those who remember Father Walters it will not be surprising that the following story was not made public during his life. The genial yet rigid old priest was nothing if not exact in all his sayings and doings and shrank from the very appearance of uncanny mysticism.

"One stormy night," he told a friend of his, "after an unusually busy day I was preparing to rest, when I heard distinct, sharp raps at my door. I raised my window and looked down into the street. Two children were standing on the step.

"I called to them, but they did not answer. They at length stopped before the place known as Buzzards' Roost and looked back as if to be sure that I was coming, then they disappeared in the house. Finding the door open, I groped my way along the dark passage until a flickering light held by the two children on the landing above directed me to the steps. As I ascended they disappeared into a near room, leaving the door ajar.

"On entering the room I saw a dim light on a shelf. The room was miserably bare, cold and still. On a pile of straw in a corner a man lay breathing heavily. I looked about for the children, but they were nowhere to be seen. I went to the man and laid my hand on his shoulder.

"My son," I said, "I am Father Walters, for whom you sent. Are you ill?" "I am ill, but I sent for no one. I have no one to send," he said with difficulty.

Whether a man be born in pagan darkness or in some corruption of revealed religion whether he be the slave of some superstition or in possession of some portions of Scripture, in any case he has within his breast a certain commanding dictate, not a mere sentiment, not a mere opinion or impression or view of things, but a law, an authoritative voice, bidding him to do certain things and avoid others.

Most of Bishop Allen's life has been spent at St. Mary's college, building it up and improving it in many ways, but he has also done parish work in Boston and South Framingham.

Bishop O'Connell made a great reputation for himself as the head of the American college in Rome. He is one of the most genial of men, approachable, accessible and agreeable to all.

Bishop Garrigan was for thirteen years pastor of St. Bernard's church, Fitchburg. He is a scholarly gentleman, a progressive churchman and an ideal priest. Boston Globe.

Let us learn to be satisfied with whatever heaven sends us. Today we yearn for a thing, tomorrow we have it and are not content. We want it a little different from the particular form in which we received it.

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Shrine of St. Anne de Beauce.

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Sacrament follows and the last exercise is public veneration of the relic. It is no unusual thing after their departure to find new additions have been made to the pile of staffs around the Shrine which tell of more miracles to add to the glory of God and the Good St. Anne.

Besides the many long excursions trains from all parts which come into the little town the steamer "Three Rivers" intended to carry a thousand passengers is kept at Montreal, over two hundred miles away, for the use of pilgrims and the time during the journey is given to prayer, singing of hymns and hearing confessions so the pious exercises of the pilgrimage does not consist alone in those held at the church.

This incomplete description can only convey a faint idea of what St. Anne de Beauce is and a visit to the place alone could satisfy the curiosity of those who would wish to know what it really is. To the devout Catholic may be found many an edifying sight which could not help increasing their faith and proving to them how little many of us know of the beauties of our holy religion, and even among Protestants and unbelievers many find it hard to go away without being more or less impressed.

For two centuries and a half have the faithful continued to pray here in continuation of what like all great things had a small beginning. We are told that the first church on the spot was built in fulfillment of a promise by Briton sailors who were in danger of shipwreck and asked St. Anne to save them: Tradition says that the holy woman appeared in the heavens holding her immaculate daughter in her arms and the mariners were saved landing somewhere near where the church stands. The first miracle was the complete cure of rheumatism of a man who placed three stones in the foundation.

Strange to say it has been only within recent times that the fame of the place has spread and even now comparatively few Americans from the States visit the Shrine and most of those who do are from the east. Complaint is often made that by people from here of the great amount of French spoken, some even among the priests being unable to speak English, but it appears that the people themselves are in a great measure to blame for this, for the good Fathers do all in their power to please all and those who were educated in a foreign country with no opportunity to learn our language are studying it here. If more large pilgrimages of English speaking people would go to St. Anne's as the French do they would hear more of their language spoken but our pilgrimages are few and many who go from the States are only visitors who travel alone.

Unlike many of the resorts in this vicinity the board at St. Anne de Beauce is cheap averaging from three to three fifty and five dollars per week while the best hotels charge but a dollar and a half per day which should be an inducement to those of limited means. Thus even though the expense of traveling may be great the combined pleasure of a delightful trip down the St. Lawrence and a visit to the holy place would be no more expensive than a vacation unprofitable at some of the resorts near home where the name of God and religion is never heard. The articles of devotion kept in store of the church are sold at remarkably low prices.

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