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Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday July 12—Gospel, St. Matt. viii.

1-9—St. John Gasbert, abbot and confessor.

Monday 13—St. Anselmus, pope and martyr.

Tuesday 14—St. Bonaventure, O. S. F., bishop and doctor.

Wednesday 15—St. Henry, emperor and confessor.

Thursday 16—Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

Friday 17—St. Alexius, confessor.

Saturday 18—St. Camillus of Lellis, confessor.

Five Minute Sermon

Jesus Feeds the Multitude.

According to the sacred interpreters the seven loaves signify the seven gifts of the Holy Ghost, which our Divine Saviour makes use of to preserve the life of our soul, strengthening it to walk in the midst of dangers, to overcome temptations, and to grow in virtue and Christian perfection.

Those fishes served to render the bread more agreeable to the taste, and they signify all that which renders easier the observance of the divine word, which is the ordinary food of our soul. The example of Jesus Christ who practiced all the precepts which He gave us in His holy law, the lights which our mind receive, the joy our heart feels in doing good, the confidence that supports us in leading a Christian life in the midst of difficulties—these are the exquisite food which renders the observance of the commandments easy and pleasant to us.

To make good use of these spiritual nourishments we must pray God to give and preserve in us the gift of His habitual grace; we must receive His favors with humility and a deep sense of gratitude; we must put into practice the lights and the instructions which we have received, and we must always be obedient to the legitimate successors of the apostles who are the dispensers of the food of life.

We are to learn to have compassion for our brethren who are in want, and, as He used the bread reserved for Himself and for the apostles to feed the people so also must we take pleasure in depriving ourselves of something in order to help the poor.

The Serene Soul.

The serene soul is strong. Every moment of worry weakens the soul for its combat. Worry is an infirmity. There is no virtue in it. Worry is spiritual nearsightedness, a fumbling way of looking at little things and of magnifying their value. True spiritual vision sweeps the universe and sees things in their right proportion. The finest landscape of Corot viewed aquint or out of focus would appear distorted and untrue. Let us hang life on the line, as painters say, and look at it honestly.

The Kings at the Vatican.

Two recent events of more than ordinary interest to the church were the visits of Emperor William of Germany and King Edward VII. of England to the Vatican. Each of these Protestant monarchs had a private audience with his holiness, at which matters of importance to their Catholic subjects were discussed, and each expressed himself as highly pleased with the venerable pontiff's attitude. These visits, from which much good for the church will undoubtedly spring, are particularly significant at this time, when Catholic France is so busily engaged in persecuting and humiliating the religious orders in the republic.

Catholic Strength in This Country.

Few persons realize the numerical strength of the Roman Catholic church in this country. In the following states and territories more than half the inhabitants are members of that church: New Mexico, Montana, Arizona, Nevada, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Louisiana, New York, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Minnesota and Michigan, New Mexico leading with 86 per cent of its population, and Michigan bringing up the end with 51 per cent. In all of the 125 largest cities the Roman Catholic population exceeds in numbers the members of all the other Protestant churches combined. The total population of these cities is 14,110,000. The Roman Catholic population is 3,244,000. It is estimated that one out of every three adults is a communicant in some re-

A GREAT ORGANIZATION.

Broad Work of the Catholic People's Association of Germany.

The Catholic People's Association of Germany, says the Homiletic Review, is about ten years old, is scattered all over the empire and has 180,000 members. It aims to arouse the people to the need of social reform and to enlist their co-operation in this important undertaking. Some 25,000,000 copies of social writings have been circulated.

The masses are to be brought to realize the social situation, and instruction is given them how to meet the demands it makes. Every phase of social activity is included in the work of the association. Speakers are prepared to address meetings, and abundant literature is put at their command so that they may present the instruction needed on the numerous points connected with the social problem.

Centers are established where information is imparted and where books and journals on social subjects are distributed. The individual workmen and their homes are to be elevated, and labor organizations on a Christian basis are to be aided in efforts to ameliorate the condition of the toilers. The association co-operates with the 900 Catholic labor organizations for the furtherance of their interests.

The association is based on the theory that social reform is so difficult and momentous a task that it ought to be undertaken by a union of all classes. In this work the church and the school, the state and voluntary organizations, teachers and pupils, priests and people, the platform and the press, are to be united. Much enthusiasm has been aroused for the undertaking, and this enthusiasm is educated so that it may bring to its mission the most enlightened means.

Catholic Summer Schools.

Roman Catholics began some years since to take hold of the summer school idea, and they now have two centers, both of them growing rapidly. One is on Lake Champlain, northern New York, for Catholics of the east, and the other has lately been transferred from Detroit to Minneapolis, where this year it will become permanent, and for Catholics of the west. Education and recreation are the features of both of these schools, but unlike the Protestant schools they are not specially for young people. The social feature is made much of. At the school on Lake Champlain one new cottage, built by Catholics of Buffalo, will be opened, and at the western school at Minneapolis new and permanent buildings will be used for the first time. Catholic educators of prominence are taking hold of these summer ventures, and bishops and archbishops are visiting them for masses on Sundays. Louisville Courier-Journal.

Heed Your Conscience.

You can live without many things and still be comfortable, but if you try to live without the approval of your conscience despair will creep over you as the shadows of evening creep over the earth at sundown. Religion teaches us to keep our faces toward heaven, as a mariner watches the polar star, and to steer by what we see. To be true, just, kindly, is to bring heaven so near that when you die you have but a step to go, and that step will make you glad that you have sacrificed all else, but kept your faith in the true and the right intact.

The Habit of Prayer.

The habit of prayer is no burden to any one, for we can pray worthily at any time, in any place and in any posture. Even the motion of the lips is not necessary; the mind and heart can be engaged in it while we read or converse or go about our daily work. Moreover, prayer produces a delicious feeling of hope and rest in God, and this feeling is worth more than all the happiness that wealth can purchase or the world can give.

God's Light.

Let us serve God in the sunshine, while he makes the sunshine. We shall then serve him all the better in the dark when he sends the darkness. It is sure to come. Only let our light be God's light and our darkness God's darkness, and we shall be safe at home when the great nightfall comes.

An Innovation.

For the first time in the history of this country, it is said, a supreme court, that of Maine, was opened with prayer by a Catholic priest. Justice Peabody, a Protestant, invited Very Rev. Edward Hurley, V. G., to officiate at the opening of the court, and he accepted the invitation.

SHORT SERMONS.

Hatred of one's faults is a step toward amendment, but not amendment itself. Lamentation is the law of life; for life is the finite shore, everywhere touched by infinity's uncharted ocean. The blessed sacrament is not one thing out of many, but it is all things, and all in one, and all better than they are in themselves, and all ours and for us—and it is Jesus.

Look not mournfully into the past—it comes not back again. Wisely improve the present—it is thine. Go forth to meet the shadowy future without fear and with a manly heart. Go to Our Lady, whose love is as the sea; pray for her to help you to overcome your faults, to obtain for you grace never to commit a deliberate fault, never to offend God. She will not only make you very good, but very happy.

CHARLES CARROLL.

A NAME THAT SHOULD BE HONORED ON THE FOURTH OF JULY.

The Distinguished Catholic Signer of the Declaration of Independence and His Glorious Services to His Church and His Country should Not Be Forgotten on Our National Day.

Charles Carroll of Carrollton is one of the distinguished names that should be honored each year when the celebration of the Fourth of July comes round. And yet, like many others, it is often never even mentioned on that great day. The holiday is such a national one that it seems to cover a multitude of patriotic deeds and to honor hundreds of heroes who are dear for some deed or other, so much so in fact that many of the enthusiastic celebrators often lose sight of the one glorious occurrence the day was originally intended to commemorate.

That is the signing of the Declaration of Independence. It perhaps seems less significant and glorious than Lexington, Yorktown or even Bunker Hill and certainly, to some of the more recent patriots, incomparable to San Juan Hill or Manila. Accordingly, then, as this immortal document is relegated to the background in modern rejoicings it takes along with it the fame of some of the famous men who signed it, and so they have got to be almost obscure.

One, however, that will hardly ever be forgotten, at least by Catholics, is that of the last survivor of all the distinguished list, Charles Carroll of Carrollton.

He was a gentleman of great education, breeding and culture, with the largest fortune in the colonies. He need not have bothered himself on the outcome of the war or troubled to take part in a venture which if unsuccessful meant certain ruin to his position of ease and circumstance. He forsook everything, however, and put his name to the document in such a manner that there would be no mistake as to his identity.

His services to the country were numerous indeed, and the first done, rather remarkably to relate, were done anonymously. Under the caption of "The First Citizen," he contributed to the Maryland Gazette a series of brilliant and able papers on the injustice of a tax proclamation issued by Governor Eden and defended his arguments against a second unknown party who answered him. The controversy was so remarkable and so successful, inasmuch as the proclamation was repealed, that the people clamored to know "The First Citizen," and it was not long before the identity of Charles Carroll of Carrollton was disclosed to them. His influence grew and he became recognized as such a powerful personage in the matter of independence that he was appointed by congress, together with Benjamin Franklin and Samuel Chase, to make an expedition to Canada in the hopes of getting that country to remain neutral in the conflict that threatened.

Charles Carroll of Carrollton was afterward elected to the senate and was one of its most brilliant members for a number of years. He was a close friend and neighbor of Washington and came to be regarded everywhere as the first president's most confidential adviser and companion. In 1804, after many years in public life, he retired to pass his declining days on his beautiful estate, Doughoregan Manor.

All during his life his services to the Catholic church were no less distinguished, though on a smaller scale, than those remarkable things he did for his country. His name will ever be closely allied with Catholicism in America, and many of his good seeds are still bearing fruit, among them St. Mary's college and Georgetown university. St. Mary's was founded outright by this distinguished Marylander in the year 1822. He gave the ground and a sum of money besides, and, though ninety-four years old, he was present at the dedication and laying of the cornerstone.

Georgetown university owes a great deal to him, for it was partly through his efforts and exertions that the project was put on foot and carried to a successful issue. In 1780 and 1787 he took much interest in this scheme and not only contributed money himself, but collected much in Maryland. He also erected the first Catholic chapel in Annapolis, St. Mary's, on Duke and Gloucester streets.

On his own beautiful estate at Doughoregan he erected the first private Catholic chapel in America. It was a magnificent affair and was for a long time one of the most remarkable things in Maryland. The chapel is still standing today and is preserved by the descendants of the last of the signers.

The death of this distinguished man was as notable as his life had been. He was thoughtful and courteous to those about him to the very last and punctiliously thanked each for any act that was done to alleviate his sufferings. The last rites of the Catholic church were administered by the Rev. John E. Chayne, the president of St. Mary's college, Emmitsburg, Md., afterward bishop of Natchez. After his death his body was interred in the beautiful chapel he had built in the manor, where it now lies.—Exchange.

Bishop Chatard.

There was a notable gathering of Roman Catholic dignitaries at Indianapolis on May 12 to participate in the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Bishop Chatard's consecration. Bishop Chatard was born in Baltimore in 1834 and was graduated from the University of Maryland and then became a student at St. Urban college, Rome, where he received the degree of D. D. in 1863.

THE EXILED NUNS.

Dominican Relievers From France Find Shelter in Baltimore.

Twenty cloistered Dominican nuns from Rouen, France, who were driven out by the operations of the associations act, have arrived in Baltimore and have taken shelter at the local house of their order on Druid Hill avenue, near Mosher street.

The branch of the Dominican sisters to which the exiles belong had its mother house at the town of Bon Secours, near Rouen. The order was established about 180 years ago by Mere Rose de Ste. Marie for the purpose of perpetual prayer.

The entire community at Rouen were turned out of their convent so hurriedly, the exiles say, that they had scarcely time to secure necessities for their voyage to the United States. The expenses of the voyage were borne by charitable friends in France, as the sisters, being a cloistered order, had no funds of any kind.

It was the first time that many of them had seen the outer world for years, some of them being aged and having lived in the convent since girlhood. A movement is on foot in Baltimore to raise a sum sufficient to enable a house to be secured for the nuns where they can carry on the work of their order. It is thought that some of them will have to undertake teaching temporarily in order to support themselves unless aid is secured in some other way. A still larger number of exiled nuns is expected here within the next month or two. The great majority of the expatriated orders so far have gone to Canada, where they have found homes among the French religious orders—Baltimore Dispatch.

Missing Mass.

The Catholic Sentinel says that the black clouds of infidelity that are gathering upon the horizon of this continent are mainly due to the accursed practice of missing mass. The greatest danger to the church in America is this sinful practice. When you miss mass you break the last chain that binds you to God. You destroy the last hope of your salvation. Gaze upon Calvary's cross! See Christ offering himself in a bloody manner. That was the first public holy mass. The Jews who jeered and gibed and scorned the dying Saviour left that hill of sacrifice; they went down to their homes, they missed that holy mass, and they were lost eternally. Whereas the Jews who remained upon that hill of sacrifice heard that holy mass and were converted and saved. I care not how wicked a woman is, let her be more unjust and treacherous than Judas, more impure than Magdalen, sinner or later, the blood of Christ will touch her heart, she will repent and confess her sins. Yes, the holy sacrifice of the mass is the greatest gift of God to mankind. It is the greatest treasure in the Catholic church.

The Cost of Anticlericalism.

The cost to France of the policy of suppressing the religious orders has been roughly computed by the Paris Gaulois. The official figures allow \$1,080,040 for the construction of 2,257 new schools, \$190,000 for fitting the schools up and \$328,128 per annum for the stipends of the new teachers. In addition to this, there are said to be about 250,000 aged or invalid persons subsisting on religious charity. Their support may be reckoned at about \$20 per annum each, a total of \$5,000,000, and, whether the state or their relatives support them, they cannot be left to starve. Adding up, we find the country involved in a capital outlay of \$1,270,040 and an annual outlay of \$5,318,128, without counting anything for the depreciation of school buildings.

Temptations.

Temptations are the penalty of manhood; they are the sign of a progress upward. Only a moral nature can be tempted. Temptations are the appeals of the lower nature, the impulses to be untrue to one's highest vision and to carry into a higher stage of life the characteristics of a lower. In the nature of the case, therefore, they do not separate us from God. Only yielding does that. There is no experience of human life that lies outside the sphere of his purposes of grace. God never meant our lives to be artificially screened from danger. The safe life is not the sheltered life, but the victorious life. Untested virtue is only a possible virtue. The process of proving is for the purpose of approving.

Moral Character.

To cultivate the mind would really be a very unsatisfactory sort of thing unless we cultivate that which truly makes us men—that is, our moral character. The character is manhood. Character is at the very essence of human life. It is that which gives human life its sacredness, its worth.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

But three English kings have visited Rome—Aethelwulf in 855, Canute in 1026 and Edward in 1903. Archbishop Quigley makes the prediction that the United States will eventually be "exclusively Catholic."

The priests of the Brooklyn diocese will build for Right Rev. Charles Edward McDonnell a seminary for his young levites as well as a cathedral as a jubilee offering. Rev. Dr. Dennis McMahon, director of the Fresh Air guild of the St. Vincent de Paul society of New York city, has purchased a twenty-five acre farm at Spring Valley, N. Y., to be used as a summer home for poor children.

The congregation of the propaganda is examining a proposition to divide the diocese of Davenport, Ia., into two, besides establishing four dioceses in the west, which would bring the total of the American dioceses from eighty-five up to ninety.

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