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New Holy Week Liturgy

GOOD FRIDAY

(This is the third in a series of five articles on the Holy Week liturgy. They are written by Father Walter Schmitt, S.S., professor of liturgy at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., and author of a forthcoming book, Holy Week Manual for Priests. This article deals with Good Friday.)
By FATHER WALTER SCHMITZ, S.S.
(Written for N.C.W.C. NEWS SERVICE)

The most striking change for the Good Friday service and the one that will be most appreciated by priests and faithful alike is the permission to receive Holy Communion on this most sacred day. Of all the changes effective during Holy Week this is the most radical.

Another change is the omission of the Elevation of the Sacred Host, which formerly was consecrated on Holy Thursday.

The new decree for Holy Week states that the priest will receive one of the small Hosts which were consecrated the previous day. Formerly he consumed a large Host, consecrated the day before, which he elevated during the course of the Good Friday service.

Another change is the inclusion of a prayer for civil authorities which will be said during the solemn prayers, following the reading of the Gospel. Formerly a prayer for king or emperor was included in the liturgy and said in European countries. The prayer, however, was not said in the United States. The new prayer for civil authorities will be chanted in this country.

The time of the liturgical service on Good Friday has also been changed. The decree states that the liturgical service on Good Friday should take place as soon as possible, but not after 6:00 p.m.

On Holy Thursday a supply of Hosts will be consecrated, sufficient for the reception of the Eucharist by the faithful on both Thursday and Friday. All priests may receive the Sacrament on both days, even if they are not celebrant of the liturgical service of the day.

From after the Mass on Holy Thursday until the beginning of the Good Friday afternoon service, the faithful may adore the Blessed Sacrament at the Repository. The decree states that adoration must continue at least until Thursday midnight. Thus we see the adoration hours transferred from the day hours of Thursday to that night and, if desired, during the greater portion of Friday.

THOSE RECEIVING Holy Communion on Good Friday must abstain from solid foods for three hours and from liquids for one hour, with the exception of water, before receiving Holy Communion.

No hard liquor may be had after midnight although beer and wine, if customary, may be had with meals.

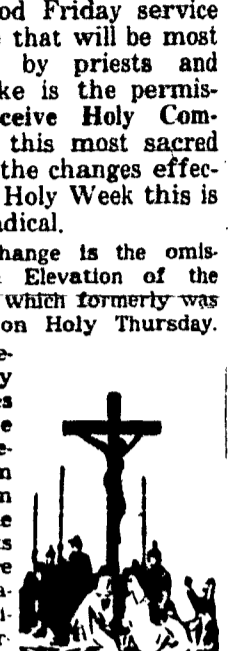
The Eucharist must be received at this service and not immediately before or after.

The decree further states that "the sick in danger of death" may receive Holy Communion at any time on Good Friday, not as erroneously reported earlier that all "the sick and those in danger of death could receive Communion."

AT THE BEGINNING of the liturgical service the celebrant, the deacon and subdeacon enter the sanctuary and prostrate themselves at the altar. After the Passion has been sung or read, the celebrant puts on a black cope and the deacon and subdeacon a dalmatic and tunic of the same color.

Perhaps the most impressive part of the Good Friday Liturgy comes at the unveiling and veneration of the Cross. The celebrant, deacon, and subdeacon remove their black vestments. The deacon proceeds solemnly from the sacristy carrying a veiled crucifix. He is preceded by two acolytes, or servers, and flanked on either side by two other acolytes who carry lighted candles. The instructions direct that the crucifix be "rather large" (at least three feet high) to attract the attention of all the faithful.

FACING THE people while the veil is being gradually removed, the celebrant alone in-



The Bell Tower

HIGHWAY WEAPON
More and more new cars are advertised for their increased horsepower and speed. Cars are becoming a threat on the highway rather than a convenience. One trooper commented: "When a car hits over 65 miles an hour the guy isn't driving it; he's aiming it."
A CARDINAL'S CROSS
Some years ago, an ocean liner was plowing through waters toward South America. A Cardinal of the Church had laid aside his golden cross and red cap and was sitting in a deck chair. A small boy picked them up and began to strut along the deck. The little one's father angrily took the cross and cap from his small son and returned them to the Cardinal.
"Let him be," said the Cardinal. "Little children bless all they touch."
The Cardinal is now Pope Pius XII.
DEEP FREEZE
During a recent heavy snow storm, a homemade bound motorist thought he recognized a young neighbor girl walking for a bus. He pulled to the curb, rolled down his window, and blurted out: "Want a ride?" and then realized the cute young miss was a total stranger.
"Are you driving north?" she asked.
"Yes, I am," he admitted.
"Then give my regards to the Eskimos!"
WRONG DIRECTION
When a woman called the police to report a skunk in her cellar, she was told to make a trail of bread crumbs from the basement to the yard and wait for the skunk to follow it outside.
A little later the woman called back: "I did what you told me and now I've got two skunks in my cellar!"

U. S. Aids Reds In Race To Launch Atom Rocket

By REV. HENRY A. ATWELL
The United States cannot afford to come in second in the present all-out race to develop the "ultimate" weapon, the intercontinental ballistic missile (IBM).
An IBM will be a pilotless supersonic rocket with a hydro-ram jet capable of spanning the Atlantic in fifteen minutes. Once it is fired, there is no defense against it. It will travel so high and so fast that it will strike its target in less than five minutes after it is first visible over the horizon. There is no way at present to launch a counter-attack against such a weapon.
The only defense is to get one made first.



IN THE FACE of such basic survival factors, Congress is demanding to know what and why our "highly strategic" tools and metals for shipment to Russia. At Paris in August 1954, Stassen authorized shipment of such materials to the Soviets. These materials, Defense Department John E. Williams has stated, give Moscow a five year's gain in its war making potential.
Meantime, the administration has refused to publish, even to Congress, a list of the materials being sent to the communists. It is a bit fantastic to realize that the communists can know what we are sending them, but neither our Congress nor the American people can get such information.
During World War II, the Nazis launched over 5,000 buzz bombs against London destroying more than 23,000 structures in that city. The V-1 buzz bomb was an early model ballistic missile but the Nazis were already at work on far more lethal versions.
It has been stated that the Nazis had newly developed an atomic bomb shortly before the end of the war. With an atom bomb loaded in rocket missile, the German laboratories would have produced a weapon that could have changed the whole story of the war. This fact alone could in part account for the Nazis' struggle to prolong the war even in the face of heavy losses. Their scientists, however, failed to produce it.
SINCE THAT TIME, the race has been on to produce a super-weapon that could carry war to the heart of an enemy country.

JOSEPH BREIG

How About a Book For Lent?

One purpose of life—and there are three other special purposes of Lent—is to know God and the things of God.

Without knowing God, we cannot love Him. And without loving Him, we cannot know Him. Therefore, good reading is an important part of a productive Lent—and of a truly productive life.

What should you read? I hesitate about using particular books. A book that does wonders for me might bore you stiff.

I suggest that you do your own browsing. And don't force your way through a book that does nothing for you. Find one that's up your alley.

For my part, I'd rather read Chesterton than eat. But there are people who don't like his writing.

IN GENERAL, I would promise that you take a look at yourself, and figure out what will hit the spot for you.

Are you a lawyer or a law student? Then surely you shouldn't miss John C. H. Wu's "Fountain of Justice—A Study in the Natural Law."

Are you a worker or industrialist? Then Lent is a good time to do some good reading on social justice.

Certainly you're a citizen. As such, you ought to be acquainted with Frank Sheed's "Society and Sanity."

As a Catholic, your grasp of the Faith would be broadened and deepened by Sheed's "Theology and Sanity."

But you might find Sheed too advanced for you. If so, there are lots of other books on religion and on the right kind of Christian society.

PROBABLY you're married or eventually will be. Few of us know enough about the religious, philosophical, psychological and even physical depths of marriage.

There are some good books by sound Catholic writers on marriage. I'll hazard a prediction that you and your wife (or husband) will discover if you read such a book that you have been missing a great deal of the happiness that marriage ought to be giving you.

Whatever your state in life, whatever your job, they ought to be leading you closer to God; helping you heavenward. You can probably find a life of a saint who became holy in your kind of occupation.

Why, there was even a saint who was a wanderer — a holy hobo. His name was St. Benedict Joseph Labre.

IF YOU CAN'T find a saint who had a job like yours, then how about reading the life of one of your patron saints — one of your namesakes?

It will be much better if your reading isn't haphazard — if you select something related to your position in life, or your job, or even your hobby.

Most of us are almost sinfully casual about the meaning of religion for daily life. Pope St. Pius X called upon us to "restore all things to Christ."

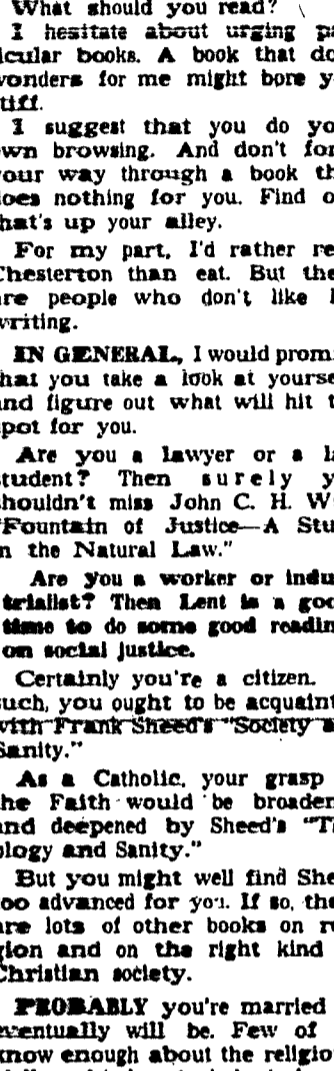
"All things" includes whatever you do. It includes politics, music, office work, factory labor, family life, neighborhood relations, civic affairs—everything.

ONE KIND of reading, of reading, of course, is always good. We should know Christ. He came not only to redeem us, but to teach us.

Read a good life of Christ, or spend half an hour a day with the Gospels and Epistles. You will find the new brotherly love, the brilliant Magr. Knox version, amazingly illuminating.

We need good reading as truly as we need good food. It is ridiculous to be stro. of body and empty of mind. Do some good reading for Lent, and keep it up afterward. That way, your Lent will really be beneficial — permanently.

Next week, I'm going to write something about "guys and dolls" in Lent.



The Devil's Power

By REV. WM. J. SMITH, S.J.

INDIVIDUALISM
Of prime importance in Catholic doctrine is the defense of the individual human person. Both her spiritual and social teachings lay very great stress upon this thought.

The primary objective of the social teaching of the Church is the perfecting of each individual person. The Church's concern for the temporal welfare of God's children on earth is directed toward the eternal salvation of each individual through a proper use of creatures in time.

When the Pope calls for a reconstruction of human society, it is the protection of the individual human person that he has in mind. When he cautions and encourages employers to unite and establish stable wage scales through the exercise of the virtue of social justice, he is thinking of a husband, wife and children in each individual family.

When he champions the concept of trade unionism his vision is not that of a mass of workers rising in their united might to possess the earth. He is looking beyond the means to the end which is the welfare of each individual worker.

When he calls upon governments to institute salutary social legislation it is the life and dignity and worth of the individual citizen that is the primary target of his attention.

AT FIRST SIGHT these basic teachings of the Church would seem to confirm the contention of those who strike out boldly for the absolute, unqualified, unlimited freedom of the individual. Those who rush so rashly to that conclusion fail to see the other side of the coin.

There is a vast difference between a defense of the essential dignity of the individual human person, made as he is to the image and likeness of God, and the claim that he may live and work as he pleases regardless of the social circumstances surrounding his actions. God not only created man as an individual, but He also decreed that he would spend his span of years in a human society. Our relationships with our fellow human beings place obligations upon us which are needed for the very perfecting of ourselves as individuals.

The denial of social responsibilities and the rejection of the duty to cooperate with our fellow man goes by the name of "individualism."

It reflects a false viewpoint of human life. Pope Pius XI bracketed this error with Communism in his social teachings and condemned them both.

SUNDAY SERMON

Third Sunday of Lent
If you cannot deny a fact, then distort it. That was the technique of the Pharisees " smear campaign" to every one of Christ's miracles.
THE GOSPEL this Sunday tells how Jesus delivered a boy from the power of the devil. Christ's critics then charged, "By Beelzebub, the prince of devils. He casts out devils."
From the day that Lucifer rebelled against God and became the "prince of devils," the spirit of evil has set itself into bitter opposition to God and His works of mercy.
When we read the history of nations it is almost unbelievable what unspeakably cruel things man has done to a fellow man who desired to serve God as God wants to be served.
The record begins with the murder of Abel by jealous Cain. Includes the bitter persecutions that tormented Christians in Rome's amphitheater and continues in the atrocities now going on under communistic brutality.
And the same blind prejudice still stains even so-called Christian hearts to this day.
A man is hated because of his race or his name or his religion.

Why I Go To Daily Mass

Judge Joseph P. O'Connor, a member of St. Joseph's parish, Rochester, attends noon-day Mass daily at Our Lady of Victory Church.
Why do I, a lawyer, endeavor to attend daily Mass?
The answer could be no different from that given by one in any other position or state in life. The actual motive, and the most important, is that I wish to adore God and give Him thanks for every blessing, appease His Justice and to employ His Grace and Mercy for myself, for the afflicted for all sinners and for the holy souls in Purgatory.
To truly adore God, we must know Him and to know Him is to love Him.
No one will deny that the basic ingredient of love is sacrifice.
If we know the meaning of the Mass, we know that it is actually the greatest sacrifice in Heaven and on earth, and one in which we are not merely observers but active participants.
In his Encyclical Letter "Mediator Dei", Pope Pius XII states "It is most important for all the faithful to understand that it is their duty and highest privilege to take part in the Eucharistic Sacrifice."
It is time we began to think straight about the Mass. When we go, the laity, go to Mass, we go not solely to watch or even to pray. We go to do something.
We go to offer to the Eternal Father the Divine Sacrifice of His Son on Calvary again provided for us through the Priest at Consecration. What greater sacrifice can one offer to God.
Go often, daily when possible, for in the words of Francis Thompson
"By the oft-repeated use All perfection gains their tithes; And so, with daily uses wed, Love, too, shall be perfected"

Bishop Kearney's Appointments

- MARCH
- 1 Thursday—St. John Fisher College: Birthday Mass for Pope Pius XII—9:00 A.M.
 - 2 Friday—St. Joseph's Church: St. Monica Sodality Mass—9:00 A.M.
Consultants' Meeting—10:30 A.M.
St. Bernard's Seminary: Conference—5:30 P.M.
 - 3 Saturday—St. Agnes High School: I.F.C.A. Mass—8:30 A.M.
 - 4 Sunday—St. Francis Xavier Church: Novena of Grace—March 4th to March 12th—7:45 P.M.
 - 5 Tuesday—St. Mary's Hospital: Capping of Nurses and Low Mass—4:00 P.M.
 - 3 Wednesday—Nazareth College Auditorium: St. Thomas Aquinas Symposium—2:00 P.M.
Corpus Christi Church: Lenten Sermon—7:45 P.M.
 - 8 Thursday—Sisters of the Divine Compassion, White Plains, N. Y.: Reception and Profession
 - 11 Sunday—McQuaid Jesuit High School: Low Mass, St. Ignatius Loyola Day—9:30 A.M.
St. Francis Xavier Church: Novena of Grace—9:00 P.M.
 - 12 Monday—St. Francis Xavier Church: Low Mass—Closing of Novena of Grace—9:30 A.M.
 - 14 Wednesday—Corpus Christi Church: Lenten Sermon—7:45 P.M.
 - 15 Thursday—Nazareth College: St. Patrick's Celebration—8:00 P.M.
 - 17 Saturday—St. Patrick's Church: Solemn Pontifical Mass in honor of St. Patrick—11:00 A.M.
Powers Hotel: Knights of Equity St. Patrick's Day Dinner—6:30 P.M.
 - 19 Monday—Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse: Solemn Pontifical Mass in honor of St. Joseph—11:00 A.M.
Holy Family Church: Confirmation—7:30 P.M.
 - 21 Wednesday—Corpus Christi Church: Lenten Sermon—7:45 P.M.
 - 23 Thursday—Nazareth College: Sodality Reception—2:00 P.M.
Holy Apostles Church: Confirmation—7:30 P.M.
 - 24 Friday—Blessed Sacrament Church: Confirmation—7:30 P.M.
 - 24 Saturday—Corpus Christi Church: Address, Building Improvement Campaign Dinner—8:00 P.M.
 - 26 Monday—Powers Hotel: Closing of Pre-Cana Conference—4:15 P.M.
 - 28 Wednesday—St. Andrew's Seminary: Low Mass—Closing of Retreat—9:30 A.M.
Corpus Christi Church: Lenten Sermon—7:45 P.M.
 - 29 Thursday—Sacred Heart Cathedral: Solemn Pontifical Mass and Blessing of Holy Oils—9:00 A.M.
 - 30 Friday—Sacred Heart Cathedral: Good Friday Services—1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Bishop Casey's Appointments

- MARCH
- 1 Thursday—Sacred Heart Cathedral—Solemn Pontifical Mass commemorating 30th Birthday of Pope Pius XII—7:45 P.M.
 - 1 Friday—Sacred Heart Cathedral: Solemn Pontifical Mass for the Institution of Our Holy Father—8:00 A.M.
 - 2 Saturday—St. James Hall—Address, St. James Convent Building Fund Campaign—4:00 P.M.
 - 4 Sunday—Sacred Heart Hall—Annual Rotary Guild Communion Breakfast—8:45 A.M.
 - 11 Sunday—Beauch and Lomb Cathedral—Annual Nocturnal Society Communion Breakfast, Address—8:15 A.M.
 - 13 Tuesday—Holy Cross Convent—Meeting of New Convent, Pontifical Low Mass—7:00 A.M.
 - 14 Sunday—Sacred Heart Hall—Annual Men's Club Communion Breakfast—8:45 A.M.
 - 19 Monday—Nazareth Convent, Pittsford—Assisting at Pontifical Mass in honor of St. Joseph—11:00 A.M.
 - 20 Tuesday—Nazareth Academy—P.T.A. Address—8:15 P.M.
 - 24 Saturday—St. Margaret Mary Hall—Address, Christ the King Church Building Fund Campaign—6:30 P.M.
 - 26 Thursday—Sacred Heart Cathedral—Solemn Pontifical Mass—7:45 P.M.
 - 31 Saturday—Sacred Heart Cathedral—Easter Vigil Service—11:30 P.M.

Making Marriage Click

Teen-Agers Should Not Marry

By IRVING A. DELANEY
(Assistant Director, Family Life Bureau, N.C.W.C.)
Most newspapers describe the wedding as the most important event in a young man's life. They describe how the bride and groom are united in a holy sacrament. They describe the joy of the young man and his family. They describe the joy of the young woman and her family. They describe the joy of the community.

But the wedding is not the most important event in a young man's life. It is the day when a young man and a young woman enter into a contract that binds them together for the rest of their lives. It is a contract that is not easy to break. It is a contract that is not easy to change. It is a contract that is not easy to ignore.

For many young people, the wedding is a time of great excitement and joy. They are eager to get married. They are eager to start their lives together. They are eager to have a family. They are eager to have a home. They are eager to have a future.

But for many young people, the wedding is a time of great sadness and despair. They are not ready to get married. They are not ready to start their lives together. They are not ready to have a family. They are not ready to have a home. They are not ready to have a future.

Why is this? Why are so many young people not ready to get married? Why are so many young people not ready to start their lives together? Why are so many young people not ready to have a family? Why are so many young people not ready to have a home? Why are so many young people not ready to have a future?

The answer is simple. The answer is that many young people do not understand the meaning of marriage. They do not understand what it means to be committed to one another for the rest of their lives. They do not understand the responsibilities that come with marriage. They do not understand the joys that come with marriage.

That is why we need to help young people understand the meaning of marriage. That is why we need to help young people understand what it means to be committed to one another for the rest of their lives. That is why we need to help young people understand the responsibilities that come with marriage. That is why we need to help young people understand the joys that come with marriage.

And that is why we need to help young people understand that marriage is not just a contract. It is a sacrament. It is a holy sacrament. It is a sacrament that binds us together for the rest of our lives. It is a sacrament that gives us a new life. It is a sacrament that gives us a new hope. It is a sacrament that gives us a new future.

So let us help young people understand the meaning of marriage. Let us help young people understand what it means to be committed to one another for the rest of their lives. Let us help young people understand the responsibilities that come with marriage. Let us help young people understand the joys that come with marriage.