

Pedestrians Urged To Observe Caution

My Dear People:

The avoidance of accidents by pedestrians is the object of a campaign at the present time, which I have been asked to bring to your attention.

Whatever validity there may have been in the past to the idea that the "pedestrian has the right of way" has been nullified by the current attitude of many motorists.

It behooves the pedestrian today to be very careful and to take every precaution for his own protection in a day when many drivers deny the pedestrian any right on the highway.

Personally, I would say that the safest attitude for the pedestrian is to presume that he will get few courtesies and hence must exert that eternal vigilance which is the price of life as well as liberty.

With a blessing, I am

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,
+ James E. Kearney
Bishop of Rochester

Italy Leans Northwest

Liberal Giovanni Gronchi, Italy's president, is the first chief executive of that nation to visit the United States.

His policies of social reform with their "opening to the left" have made some western diplomats wonder if Italy was leaning to the Red orbit world. Italy is known to have one of the largest Communist Party memberships of any nation of the free world.

At a Washington press banquet, the chairman quipped that Pisa born Gronchi "leans to the left" like the famous Leaning Tower of that city.

Gronchi replied that the famous tower actually leans "to the northwest" and used that as evidence that present day Italy is still very much an integral part of the North Atlantic family of nations, and intends to stay so.

Islam Shakes Its Shackles

We have been educated to the idea that the world is currently divided into two segments, the communist bloc of nations and the free nations of the Britain-France-U. S. family.

Britain and France have struggled with a growing colonial problem that has erupted into a major problem threatening the old established idea of empire.

JORDAN chucked British General Glubb after his twenty-five years of service to that Arab nation which survived by British funds and supplies until Arab Egypt offered equal aid.

PAKISTAN admitted "association" in the British commonwealth of nations but gave clear evidence that it was an independent nation.

FRENCH MOROCCO in northwest Africa won its independence and set off a series of riots in Algeria to the east seeking independence there too.

TUNISIA, Algeria's neighbor, also made new demands for independent self-government.

The pattern was clear. The Islam nations are very definitely a "third world" in this one world already too much on edge where differing neighbors rub rough elbows across disputed borders.

The nations of the ancient star and crescent have re-asserted the yoke of Christian empire over them for the recent several centuries. They remembered when their Allah had swept the cross from northern Africa, through Arabia, and beyond India.

French and British colonial control they accepted only as the necessary price of survival but now with native wealth and promises (still unfulfilled) from Russia, the Moslem nations are restless in their shackles. The world is getting to have a new look. It used to be simply east or west, free or slave, but now there comes a third factor, the stirring giant of 300 million Moslems.

SUNDAY SERMON

Our Lord's Sufferings

The last two weeks of Lent are dedicated to thoughts of our Lord's suffering and death. It is a time of mourning, but there is also the clear realization that the story ends in victory on Easter.

DETAILS of our Lord's sufferings are reported in the four Gospels. The Church reads these accounts in the Masses of Palm Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week, and on Good Friday.

Devout Catholics will endeavor to read these passages privately as a meditation, and to express their devotion in such actions as venerating the cross and making the stations.

No student here much we may get to know about the details of Christ's great sufferings. There will always remain the mystery of "why" did He suffer as He did.

FROM THE CROSS of pain, He certainly could see the greatness who were to call themselves Christians—and so many

Why I Go To Daily Mass

Solvent Made is employed by the T. E. Green Electrical Company and resides at 415 Jay St., Rochester.

I attend Daily Mass because I believe that there is always something to be gained from the Mass. Every morning when I see the priest, I feel that I am giving the best of myself to God.

On the way to work, I pray for the many blessings I will have during the day. I am thankful for the many blessings during the night and pray for guidance during the day.

I am always thankful for the blessings and especially that I am privileged to attend Daily Mass and receive God's many graces.

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The Bell Tower

ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER

Christ, as a light, illumine and guide me!
Christ, as a shield, cover me!
Christ, be under me!
Christ, be over me!
Christ, be beside me!
Christ, be before me, behind me, about me!
Christ, this day be within and without me!
Christ, the lowly and meek, Christ, the all-powerful,
Be in the heart of each to whom I speak—
In the mouth of each who speaks to me—
In all who draw near me,
Or see me, or hear me!

OLD IRISH GREETING

May God keep you in the Palm of His Hand!

STILL QUITE LONG

The young lady flounced into the dress shop, threw a package down on the counter, and complained, "This skirt will never do, it's a mile too long."

The salesgirl unwrapped the garment and inspected it. "How much shall we take off?" she asked.

"Oh," replied the young lady, "about a quarter of an inch, I guess."

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

The SPOTLIGHT

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COMPETITION

We have conferred with businessmen of the highest integrity and finest character in regard to the lack of explicit and positive standards of action in business competition.

When asked the question, "Isn't this still a sort of 'jungle warfare'?", the spontaneous answer, with unblinking candor, usually is, "Yes, it is 'jungle warfare'."

A BUSINESSMAN in direct contact with this type of competition, they tell us, is so absorbed in the functions he must perform that he seldom or ever pauses long enough to analyze the moral implications in any given situation.

When the supermarkets, for instance, move into a community and displace the small business man, or a price war is on, or a major competitor moves into an already crowded market, the thought that social injustice might be involved never seems to enter the mind of the economic invaders.

All social responsibility is presumed to be adequately fulfilled by maintaining order in the competitive market, the so-called "business ethics."

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Last Two Weeks Of Lent Recall Christ's Passion

By REV. HENRY ATWELL

The last two weeks of Lent are observed by the Catholic Church with striking rites that recall the passion and death of Jesus Christ.

Statues of saints are veiled in somber purple. During the last week of Lent, feast days of saints are postponed and no mention made of them during Holy Week.

The Church concentrates on what our Lord said and did during the last days of His life on earth.

With fair accuracy, we can determine from the Gospel accounts where Christ was and what He did from Friday before Palm Sunday right up to His crucifixion and resurrection.

Friday before Palm Sunday, Christ told His apostles, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the Scribes; and they will condemn him to death; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and put him to death; and on the third day he will rise again."

Our Lord was then in Ephrem, a little desert village a few miles north of Jericho.

Saturday, the Jews were not permitted to travel on the sabbath, so our Lord and the apostles probably stayed Friday night in Jericho, a city which was on the road leading to Jerusalem.

Here in Jericho, Zachaeus climbed a tree in order to see our Lord and Jesus spent the rest of the day at his home.

It was also at Jericho on this occasion that Jesus gave sight to the blind beggar Bartimeus.

Palm Sunday. Flushed with enthusiasm at this miracle, the people crowded around Christ on His journey toward Jerusalem. He even helped arrange the triumphal palm procession into the capital city.

Escorted by His apostles and the large crowd from Jericho, Jesus ascended the eastern slope of the city by Mount Olivet.

The Gospels tell us that the people acclaimed Him with titles of royalty, "Hosanna to the Son of David;" and "Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that cometh."

It was already late afternoon by the time Jesus reached the temple. He "looked round upon all things," saw the traffic and desecration, and returned to the heights of Mount Olivet and wept as He looked back upon the unrepentant city.

Sunday evening He spent in Bethany at the home of His friends Lazarus, Martha and Mary.

Monday after Palm Sunday, Jesus returned to Jerusalem, drove out the sellers from the temple, cursed the barren fig tree which stood as symbol of the chosen people barren of faith.

Tuesday, Jesus disputed with the temple leaders. The Sanhedrin votes His death. Jesus leaves the temple never to return. It is the end of God's patience with this "stiff-necked race."

JOSEPH BREIG

'Guys and Dolls' in Lent

What is love? A very good husband would be to get the right answer to that question. He would be to that question.

We ought to be able to distinguish between love and its various counterfeit feelings. Too often we are misled by the counterfeit feelings of love.

What, then, is real love? Well, let me quote from an Associated Press story which I tore out of a newspaper the other day.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN.—A quiet young woman who has missed only three days visits to the bedside of her unconscious husband in the last four years says, "It's no more than any wife would do."

Harold Stowe has lain unconscious in a Chattanooga hospital since a weak vein behind one eye ruptured and he lost so much blood that the damage to his system could not be repaired.

His wife, Becky, said, "He hasn't known me or anyone for four years now, but he's as alive and dear to me as he ever was. I married him because I loved him. I lived with him because I loved him and now I take care of him because I love him."

Stowe, 36, was a popular Sunday school teacher and deacon at Oak Grove Baptist Church when a malpractice struck him four years ago.

MRS. STOWE lives with a sister and works as an automatic typewriter operator to pay the hospital bills. When her husband first became ill, the church and friends paid some of the expenses.

Mrs. Stowe sold their furniture and other property and has taken care of most of the hospital expenses herself.

The only time Mrs. Stowe has and plays



'My soul is sad' said Christ as He began His prayer in the garden of Gethsemane the night before He died. Church commemorates sufferings and death of Christ during paschaltide, last two weeks of Lent.

Wednesday, Judas made his infamous offer to the chief priests. "What are you willing to give me, and I will deliver him to you?"

THE STORY of Holy Thursday and Good Friday is well known. The Last Supper on Thursday evening, the agony in the garden, betrayal, scourging and endless trials culminating in the cry, "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

This sentence of death was the beginning of yet even worse torture and sorrow—the sight of His sorrowful Mother, carrying and falling beneath the heavy cross, being stripped of His garments, pierced hand and foot with nails, the bitter burning thirst, and His utter loneliness.

Is it little wonder that this passion should hold so prominent a place in Christ's thoughts. He foretold it to His disciples, prayed to escape it, and willed that a perpetual memorial of it be enacted by His disciples ever afterward.

Devout souls have always endeavored to associate themselves with this mystery of Christ's sufferings by bearing for love of Him all the trials and adversities that beset life in this world.

Spiritual writers state that God gives each Christian sometime in life a cross to bear. By accepting it according to the will of God we share in the redeeming act of Christ Himself.

On the night before He died, Christ said to His disciples, "You are they who have continued with me in my trials."

It is equally true that Christ is also with us in our trials too. The ultimate trial will be the decisive day when our death is near. When those around us are silent in their powerlessness to help us, our soul will then be alone with Christ.

If we have continued with Him in His trials and in the memory of His sufferings, then we will hear Him repeat His words, "It is I, do not be afraid." He will be with us to take us to the kingdom of His Father as the reward for bearing our cross with Him.

failed to visit her unconscious husband was for three days when she visited a sister in Michigan. Becky Stowe says, "It isn't the easiest thing in the world but I don't worry because I know the Lord will provide what we need. He must have a reason for this and He'll make a way."

THUS FAR the Associated Press story.

Is that a love story? You know it is.

Does Becky Stowe know what true love is? She is a living definition of true love—true love of husband, true love of God, real trust in God's goodness and the bewildering mystery of suffering.

I married him because I loved him. I lived with him because I loved him and now I take care of him because I love him. . . I know the Lord will provide. He must have a reason for this and He'll make a way."

It would be difficult to imagine a greater sermon about true love, true marriage, true fidelity to God in marriage.

HERE THERE is nothing of the bubble-headed and mawkish sentimentalism of novels and plays with their drivel about this is something bigger than both of us as justification for betrayals of husbands and wives, of marriage and of God.

No, this is love; and nothing is love that does not include this love and indomitable faithfulness.

To love some one, says St. Thomas, is to desire his true good and to do what we can to bring about that good. Love is not selfish and demanding; love is not fully symbolized by lovers embracing, but by lovers sacrificing themselves for each other. If ever the world learns this, we shall have a new world—and a new kind of magazines and novels.

New Holy Week Liturgy

Easter Vigil

(This is the last in a series of five articles on the new Holy Week Liturgy. They are written by Father Walter Schmitz, S. S., professor of liturgy at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C., and author of the forthcoming book, Holy Week Manual for Priests. This article deals with the renewal of Baptismal vows and the Mass of Holy Saturday night.)

By FATHER WALTER SCHMITZ, S. S.
(Written for N. C. W. C. News Service)

The use of the vernacular in two important parts of the Holy Saturday evening service shows the importance the Holy See attaches to having the faithful understand the significance of the service commemorating the Resurrection of Our Lord.

These two occasions are the short reading on the significance of the Holy Saturday service which the priest delivers to the people in their native language and, then their own renewal of the Baptismal vows which follows.

Baptism may be administered at any time, but it is truly a preeminent a Paschal Sacrament. This is impressed on us when we participate in this renewal of Baptismal promises shortly before the Paschal Mass.

As the celebrant returns from the solemn blessing of the baptismal font, he removes his purple cope. To indicate the innocence of the souls purified by the Sacrament of Baptism, he puts on the white cope and addresses the faithful with the following words:

"Dear beloved brethren, on this most holy night, Holy Mother the Church, calling to mind the death and burial of Our Lord Jesus Christ, keeps a vigil for Him, returning love for love, she rejoices exceedingly, while celebrating His glorious Resurrection."

"But since, as the Apostles teach, we have been buried with Christ by baptism unto death, we also must walk in the newness of life, just as Christ has risen from the dead, knowing that the old man in us has been crucified along with Christ so that we may no longer serve sin. Therefore, let us realize that we are dead to sin, but alive unto God, in Christ Jesus our Lord."

This lesson is all the more impressive because the celebrant is allowed to speak to the faithful in the vernacular. It is followed immediately by the solemn and public renewal of the Baptismal promises, which is our pledge of loyalty to God and to the beliefs of our holy religion. What more appropriate preparation can we make for our Easter Mass and Holy Communion.

The Liturgy of the Saints which was interrupted earlier for the blessing of the baptismal water is now resumed. The entire congregation joins in the responses.

The celebrant and his officers return to the sacristy to prepare for the Paschal Mass.

The sacristans place floral decorations on the altar.

As the cantors sing the Agnus Dei of the Litany the officers of the Mass approach the altar, singing as the "Kyrie eleison" is solemnly intoned by the choir.

THE VIGIL service is over. There is no other vigil in the entire year so solemnly observed as this.

In the early Christian ages the faithful kept a strict vigil awaiting the hour when our Lord rose from the tomb.

This is followed by the final hour in the ceremony has now arrived. According to the new liturgy, the officers retire to the sacristy.

Those who receive at this Mass may not receive again during a morning Mass on Easter Sunday. Likewise, by attending the mid-night Easter Mass they fulfill the Easter Mass obligation.

Where the Easter Vigil service begins around eight o'clock on Saturday night, with the express permission of the Bishop of the place, the faithful wishing to receive Holy Communion must abstain from solids for three hours and one hour from liquids, other than water. Likewise, those who attend an early Vigil service are obliged to attend a Mass on Easter Sunday morning and may receive Holy Communion.

Immediately after the distribution of Holy Communion, Lauds is sung.

This canonical hour of the divine office is very brief for this day and is introduced with the singing three times of the "Alleluia" followed by Psalm 150.

This is a magnificent hymn of praise, whose beauty is indicated in the final verse. "Let every thing that has breath praise the Lord."

After the chanting of the Canticum, "Benedictus," the celebrant sings the prayer, "Four forth upon us, O Lord, the Spirit of Thy love, that those whom thou hast filled with the Easter sacraments may by thy goodness, be of one mind."

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