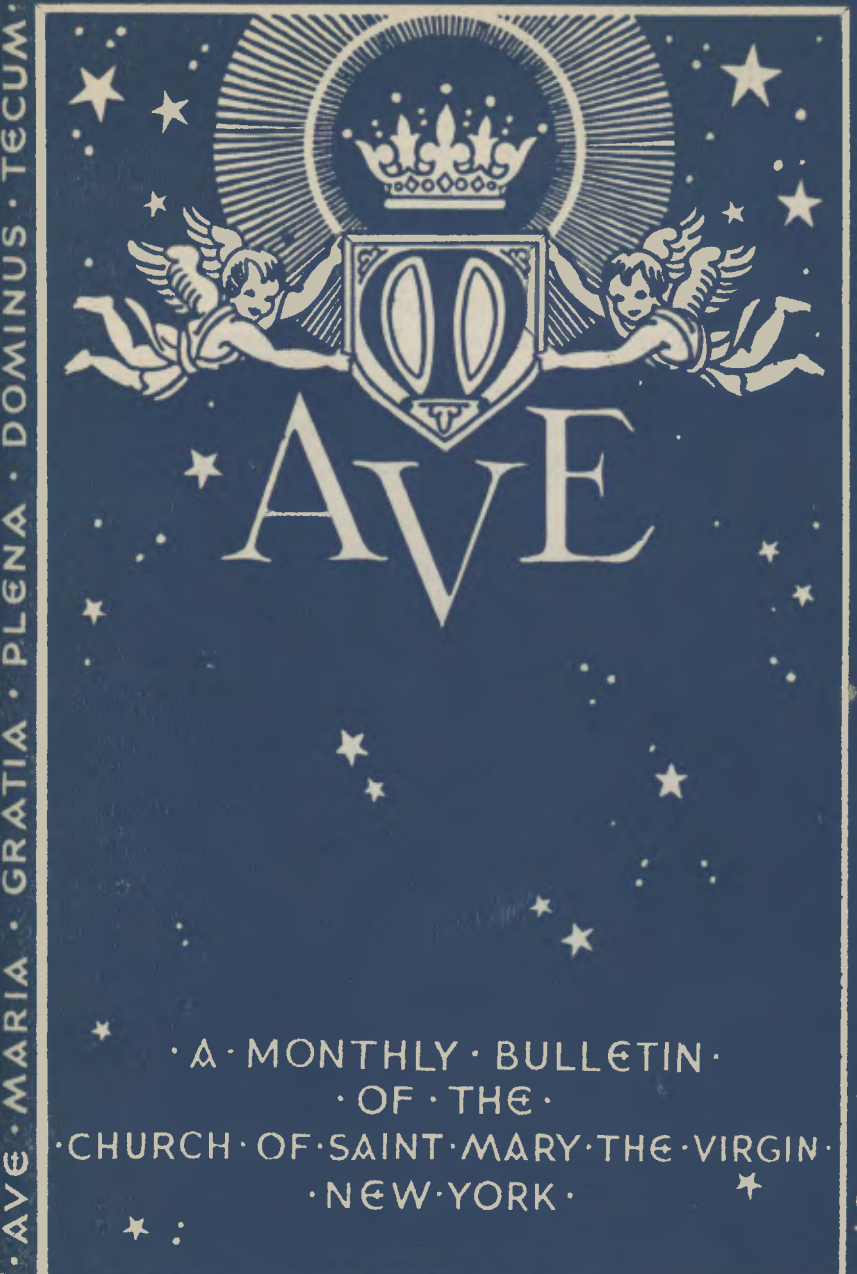


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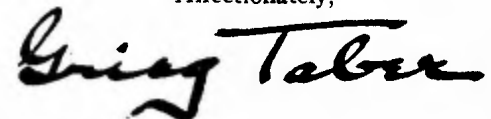
How many people have you brought into touch with God's sacramental grace and with the joys and blessings of Catholic living? We must never find ourselves in the position of solo followers of our blessed Lord. We must make certain that we have invited others to follow with us. Indeed, I have a feeling we shall not be able to enter heaven alone, but only in company with those we have brought with us, or better still those we have led to the appropriation of the merits of the Passion of our Most Holy Redeemer.

Bishop Donegan is visiting St Mary's on the evening of the Fourth Sunday in Lent, March the fifteenth, to administer the Sacrament of Holy Confirmation. There are among your friends and relatives individuals who are waiting for you to invite them to receive instructions in the Faith and to prepare themselves to follow the sacramental life. Do not fail them. Invite them and pray them the entire way onto a happy Christian pilgrimage.

The pre-Confirmation instructions on the Sacraments of Holy Church are being given on Sunday evenings at eight in the place of the sermon. These more or less formal instructions will be supplemented by much individual instruction to be given by your priests and the Sisters of the Holy Nativity.

Do your part in swelling the happy throng of the faithful.

Affectionately,



LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY falls this year on February the eighteenth. Welcome, dear Fast of Lent! Yes, welcome, that it may be a time for wholesale discipline and wholehearted devotion, made possible by a life *in* the world which is less and less *of* the world.

The following suggestions are offered for a well rounded Lenten Rule of Life:

1. Receive Holy Communion at least once a week and attend at least one weekday Mass in addition to attendance at Mass each Sunday. (A most happy life is that of Daily Mass.)
2. Make your confession at least on Shrove Tuesday and again before Easter Day.
3. Give up one favorite sin.
4. Attend the Stations of the Cross each Friday evening.
5. Fast on each of the forty days of Lent by limiting yourself to a light breakfast, one full meal and one half meal.
6. Abstain from meat on Wednesdays as well as Fridays.
7. Deny yourself some favorite pleasure, adding the money you would thus have spent to your Easter Offering.
8. Spend at least a half hour each day in Bible reading, meditation and spiritual reading.
9. Make frequent, if not daily, visits to the Blessed Sacrament.
10. Try to convert someone else to living in the glorious light and the spiritual strength of the Catholic Faith.
11. At the close of each day examine yourself on the basis of this Rule, begging forgiveness for any thorn you may have added to Jesus' crown and seeking His grace to persevere on the morrow.
12. Break the bounds of this Rule by generously responding to God's love.

SHROVE TUESDAY CONFESSIONS

SHROVE TUESDAY, February the seventeenth, is Shrivings Day, none other, and your priests will hear confessions according to the following schedule:

Father Taber: 11-1; 2-3; 5-6; 8-9. Father Jacoby: 12-1; 4-6; 8-9.
 Father Lavey: 11-12; 3-5; 7-8.

THOUGHTS ON PRAYER

Mental Prayer

TO some people, prayer is primarily a means of obtaining grace or spiritual strength for the battle of life, but actually prayer is the highest activity in which a human being can be engaged. In such activity the intellect plays a most important part — the intellect which is man's highest power and which he can best use when he turns it from consideration of mere creatures to that of the Creator of all things. It is not merely an effort at belittling to say that most activities have self-interest as their goal whereas the activity of prayer has God for its goal — communion with God and conformity to His most holy will.

One of the most appealing definitions of prayer is "the lifting up of the soul to God". By the soul we mean the intellect as well as the emotions and the will. Thus when we pray we lift our intellects to God, or, to put it differently, we unfold our minds before God in His presence. Particularly do we do so in meditation, which is the first step in mental prayer and in which we train our souls in the knowledge of God which is eternal life. In His great prayer the night before His Passion our blessed Lord prayed to the Father "This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent". If then the knowledge of God is eternal life, meditation becomes most important in our prayer life and is not to be lightly set aside.

Now there are not a few practising Christians who are sent into a devotional tailspin by the very mention of mental prayer. One suspects that the reason for such fright is the variety of complicated methods proposed for mental prayer. Some of these methods are so excessively involved that they draw the attention of the would be men of prayer to themselves and not to God. Indeed, the beginner in mental prayer becomes so worn out with the perplexity that he ends up in a vague reverie and finally takes a prolonged vacation from any further attempts at mental prayer.

Souls querulous concerning mental prayer may be properly encouraged by St Teresa's view of it: "Mental prayer is nothing else, in my opinion, but being on terms of friendship with God, frequently conversing in secret with Him who as we know loves

us". They may further be helped by recalling the reply of the peasant asked by the Curé d'Ars about his method of prayer: "I look at our Lord who is in the Tabernacle and he looks at me". They may be enheartened by the words of the Psalmist: "Like as the hart desireth the water brooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is a thirst for God, yea, even for the living God: when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?" Most of all they may be inspired by our blessed Lord Himself who in His great Sermon on the Mount uttered these words: "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."

Have we come sufficiently out of the fright and suspicion concerning mental prayer to desire by the help of the Holy Spirit to restore it to our Rule of Life? Then let us consider three simple methods, no one of which is the least bit terrifying!

I.

Begin the period of mental prayer (fifteen minutes to half an hour) with meditation, using the Bible (preferably a portion of one of the Gospels) or a suitable book of meditations and spiritual reading for the enlightening of the understanding, so that definite knowledge of a personal God may be gained. Then stir up the imagination by bringing to mind the reality of an experience of that personal God such as a scene from our Lord's earthly ministry or from His Passion or one of the Mysteries connected with His most holy life. Then enkindle the heart's love in the realization that it is not knowing much but loving much that matters most. (In all probability the imagination stirred up previously will lead to wonder and awe at God's love and power.) The heart will then begin to glow with warm devotion. Finally ask the Holy Spirit to inspire the will, recognizing that the final test of love is not in feeling but in action. This action will be set in motion by a simple resolution calling for a definite act of service for God.

II.

Begin with an act of humility, repeating those words addressed once by God to St Catherine of Siena: "I am He who is and thou art she who is not". Of ourselves we are nothing, for all our

sufficiency is entirely of God. Then make an act of faith based on some fundamental truth about God — His perfections or His goodness, or the Incarnate Lord Jesus and the Mysteries of His life, or even your own vocation and final destiny. Then make an act of hope which flows from faith in the truth and goodness of God, knowing of a certainty that a supernatural end can be reached by the grace and mercy of God. Finally, make an act of love, a show of affection for God which will be performed only if it becomes effective by making a resolution to do His will in some particular way.

III.

Begin by reading a few verses of the Bible or a few sentences from a spiritual book. Ask interiorly such questions as, What is taking place? How? When? What is God saying to me? Then pray. If no words come, be content with simple thoughts or definite desire. Make acts of affection, such as adoration, faith, humility, confidence, contrition, thanksgiving. Do not hurry. Repeat the same act of affection over and over again. Then make a resolution, not one such as to love God better or never again to lose your temper, but rather a resolution such as, "I will try to keep my temper with so and so today" or "I will try to show my love for God this day by resisting such and such a temptation", or "I will try for just this day to be more recollected in my devotions". Finally give thanks, renew the resolution and beg for the strength to keep it.



WITH THE HOLY THOU SHALT BE HOLY

Saint Ignatius of Antioch

(Died 107 A.D.)

BLESSED Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr, whose feast is commemorated year by year on February the first, forms a link between the age of the Apostles and the second century Christians. Indeed he is numbered among those called the Apostolic Fathers.

A Syrian by birth Ignatius was converted to the Christian Religion by St John the Apostle and he was consecrated Bishop of Antioch by St Peter the Apostle. Very little is known of his life

other than the fact that he introduced into liturgical worship antiphonal singing after he had experienced a vision in which he saw angelic choirs in heaven hymning the praises of God antiphonally. Tradition has it that Ignatius as a small boy was the child Jesus took in His arms and displayed to His disciples as a type of humility while He proclaimed "Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name receiveth me and whosoever receiveth me receiveth not me but him that sent me". It is, however, Ignatius' martyrdom and all that led to it that the Church most remembers with humble gratitude. During his last days Ignatius spoke of Jesus as "My crucified Love" and he insisted on enduring anything in order that he might attain to his Love by being united through suffering and death to the Passion of his Redeemer.

It seems that in the year 107 the Emperor Trajan visited Antioch. While there an accuser named to the Emperor Ignatius as one of *those* Christians. Trajan condemned Ignatius to be thrown to the lions. He was arrested by some Roman soldiers who were to conduct him by land and sea to the Roman Circus.

Along the route from Antioch to Smyrna, at which port a ship for Rome awaited, many Christian bishops greeted Ignatius who sent by them letters to their churches. There were seven letters in all, most wonderful epistles, the last of which was addressed to Polycarp whom Ignatius hoped would succeed him as Bishop of Antioch. These letters are a veritable storehouse of apostolic teaching containing a statement of the necessity of the episcopate, an appeal to unity by cleaving to the bishops, a description of the Holy Eucharist as the Feast of Unity and Love, a pronouncement of the doctrines of the Divinity of Christ, the Virgin Birth, the Atonement and the Resurrection, a reference to the blessed Eucharist as the Holy Sacrifice of the Body and Blood of Christ, and an injunction "Be obedient to the bishop as to Jesus Christ".

In the letter to blessed Polycarp, and through him to the Church at Antioch, Ignatius wrote these memorable words: "From Syria even unto Rome I am fighting with wild beasts, both by sea and by land, both night and day, for I am fastened to ten leopards, I mean, to the soldiers who have care of me. When I show them a kindness, they grow more brutal. Their injuries are my instruction but I am not thereby justified. I long for the wild beasts that are

prepared for me which I heartily wish may rush upon me and torture me and devour me and not be afraid to touch me as has happened with other Martyrs. Nay, if they refuse to approach me, I will make them come on, I will rush upon them, that so they may devour me. Pardon me, my little children, I know what is for my own welfare. Now do I begin to be a disciple of Christ and care for nothing in this world that so I may find Jesus. Let fire or the cross or wild beasts or the breaking of my bones or the shattering of my whole body, yea, all the tortures of the devil — let them all come upon me, only let me enjoy my God."

Upon arrival in Rome some Christians of that city made an attempt to save Ignatius but he begged them not to do so for, said he, "I am the wheat of Christ. I must be ground by the teeth of lions that I may be found pure bread" As he looked forward to martyrdom he was heard to exclaim again and again "I must imitate the Passion of our Lord".

Trajan summoned Ignatius before him and said "Offer sacrifice to the gods and I will name thee chief among my priests" to which the saint replied "I will not sacrifice to thy gods nor does the title which thou offerest entice me. Do with me as thou wilt, thou shalt not change me. What are the sufferings of this world compared with the glory that is to me?" Then Trajan, after delivering him first to the torturers had him confined for three days in a dungeon without food or water after which he was thrown to the lions in the Colosseum. He was ground by the teeth of two lions. When three Christians under cover of darkness crept into the Colosseum they found nothing to gather up save a few handfuls of blood-stained sand and some bones which were later enshrined by Clement, Bishop of Rome.

It would seem that blessed Ignatius must often have meditated on those words of Jesus "Except the corn of wheat fall into the ground and die it abideth by itself, but if it die it bringeth forth much fruit". He has taken his place with worthy companions — Stephen, Sebastian, Vincent and Agnes. It is no wonder that the Greek Church in her liturgy has honored him thus "Thou didst indeed depart from this world, but thou wast taken up to God, wearing on thy soul the rich crown of grace". Verdant was the palm he held!

St Ignatius, pray for us!

PARISH NOTES

ON Monday, February the second, the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, commonly called the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and more commonly called Candlemas (and still more commonly called Ground Hog Day), High Mass with Procession of Lights will be celebrated at noon. The candles used at our altars for the coming year will be solemnly blessed at this Mass. There will be a brief sermon by Father Taber.



YEAR by year on Lincoln's Birthday, February the twelfth, at eleven it is the happy custom of our Saint Mary's acolytes to be hosts to their fellow acolytes of many parishes in and about New York at an Acolytes' Festival. The Festival takes the form of a Solemn Votive Mass of the Blessed Sacrament, Procession of the Host and Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Before the Introit of the Mass a brief Charge will be given to the attending acolytes by the Reverend Father Henry H. Breul, Rector of St Andrew's Church, Devon, Connecticut. Following the service a luncheon is served by our kind St Mary's ladies in St Joseph's Hall. Because of limitations of space the luncheon invitations must be limited to acolytes and priests. Indeed, it is unsafe for others to hover about! However, everyone is invited to attend the service which is one of great devotion to Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament and of great witness to the Catholic Faith.



THE Lent Retreat for men and women will be held this year on Saturday, February the twenty-eighth. We are privileged to have as the conductor the Reverend J. P. Langmead Casserley, Professor of Dogmatic Theology at the General Theological Seminary. The Retreat Mass will be celebrated at eight, with meditations at 10:15, 11:30 and 2:30, breakfast being served after the Mass and luncheon at 12:45. The Retreat will close at three when Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be given. Those who plan to attend must notify the Sister-in-Charge-of-the-Retreat, 133 West 46th Street (PLaza 7-6464) before February twenty-fifth

in order that adequate preparation may be made for breakfast and luncheon.

Father Casserley is preaching at High Mass the following day, the Second Sunday in Lent, March the first, at eleven.



ON Thursday evening, February the fifth, St Sephen's Guild is sponsoring a Square Dance in St Joseph's Hall at eight. The members of the parish are most cordially invited to attend. Tickets may be purchased at the Religious Articles Table on Sunday or from any member of the Guild.

The young men and women of St Stephen's Guild will hold their usual Sunday evening meeting on February the fifteenth at six and their Corporate Communion at the nine o'clock Mass on Sunday, February the twenty-second.



THE Evening Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary meets in St Joseph's Hall on Tuesday evening, February the third, at eight when Mr Charles Edgar will give a talk on "A Day at Holy Cross Monastery", illustrated by slides. All members of the parish are warmly invited to be present. The Corporate Communion of the Evening Branch will be held at the nine o'clock Mass on Sunday, February the first.

The Day Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary meets in St Joseph's Hall Friday morning, February the thirteenth at ten-forty-five when the speaker will be Mrs Arthur Simpson, Diocesan Supply Chairman. At this meeting there will be a "Used Clothing and Food Shower" for the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief. These packages will be sent to Korea. All members of the parish are invited to contribute. A Corporate Communion at the nine-thirty Mass in the Lady Chapel will precede this meeting.



THE members of the congregation and their friends are invited to attend three February Organ Recitals to be given in the church at eight-thirty on Monday evenings, February second, ninth and sixteenth.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

*"As many of you as have been baptized into Christ,
have put on Christ."*

- December 13 — Carl Schmidlapp Humes
 December 14 — Meredith Lucas Goodman
 December 21 — Minnie Rounds
 December 21 — Martha Mary Nosworthy

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*"And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' teaching
and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers."*

- December 15 — James Howard Bryant
 December 18 — Mitchell Andrews
 December 19 — Hansel Dwight Wilson

BURIALS

*"Grant them, O Lord, eternal rest and may light
perpetual shine upon them."*

- December 6 — Alice E. Caffey
 December 12 — William Piehl



THE altar flowers for the month of February are given in memory of the following:

- February 2 — The Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Ursula Dumont Arnold.
 February 12 — The Acolytes' Festival. Mrs Archibald Russell.



THE Corporate Communion for the month of February are as follows:

- Sunday, February 1, 9:00, The Guild of St Mary of the Cross. The Woman's Auxiliary (Evening Branch).
 Wednesday, February 4, 9:30, St Mary's Guild.
 Sunday, February 8, 9:00, The Living Rosary of Our Lady and St Dominic.
 Friday, February 13, 9:30, The Woman's Auxiliary (Day Branch).
 Sunday, February 22, 9:00, The Church School. The Order of St Vincent. The Guild of St Stephen.

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KALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

- ✠ 1. Su. SEPTUAGESIMA. Com. St Ignatius, B.M., and St Bridget, V.
2. M. PURIFICATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. Solemnity of Candlemas, 12 Noon.
3. Tu. St Blase, B.M. Com. St Ansgarius, B.C.
4. W. St Andrew Corsini, B. C. Com. St Gilbert of Sempringham, C.
5. Th. St Agatha, V.M.
6. F. St Titus, B.C. Com. St Dorothy, V.M. *Abstinence.*
7. Sa. St Romuald, Ab.
- ✠ 8. Su. SEXAGESIMA. Com. St John of Matha. C.
9. M. St Cyril of Alexandria, B.C.D. Com. St Apollonia, V.M.
10. Tu. St Scholastica, V.
11. W. Vision of Our Lady.
12. Th. Seven Holy Founders of the Servites, CC. Com. St Benedict Biscop, Ab. At 11, Solemn Votive Mass of the Blessed Sacrament, Procession and Benediction (Acolytes' Festival).
13. F. St Kentigern, B.C. Requiem, 7. *Abstinence.*
14. Sa. Of Our Lady. Com. St Valentine, Pr.M.
- ✠ 15. Su. QUINQUAGESIMA. Com. SS Faustinus and Jovita, MM., and The Martyrs of Japan.
16. M. FERIA. Requiem, 8.
17. Tu. FERIA.
18. W. ASH WEDNESDAY. Com. St Mary Bernard Soubirous, V., and St Simeon, B.M. *Fast and Abstinence.*
19. Th. Greater FERIA. *Fast.*
20. F. Greater FERIA. Com. African Missionaries and Martyrs. *Fast and Abstinence.*
21. Sa. Greater FERIA. *Fast.*
- ✠ 22. Su. LENT I. Com. St Peter's Chair at Antioch, St Paul, Ap., and St Joseph of Arimathea, C.
23. M. St Peter Damian, B.C.D. Com. Vigil. *Fast.*
24. Tu. ST MATTHIAS, AP. *Fast.*
25. W. EMBER WEDNESDAY. *Fast and Abstinence.*
26. Th. Greater FERIA. *Fast.*
27. F. EMBER FRIDAY. Com. St Gabriel, C. *Fast and Abstinence.*
28. Sa. EMBER SATURDAY. *Fast and Abstinence.*

Days indicated by ✠ are days of precept, with an obligation of attendance at Mass.

MUSIC FOR FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 1 — SEPTUAGESIMA

- Mass, Mass in D* Henschel
- Motet, Salvator Mundi Blow
- Evensong*
- Magnificat and Nunc dimittis (Second Service) Byrd
- Motet, Tota pulchra es, Maria Bruckner
- O salutaris hostia Boyer
- Motet, Adoramus te No. 2 Perti
- Tantum ergo No. 5 Kodaly

FEBRUARY 2 — PURIFICATION OF THE B. V. M.

- Mass, Missa Lux et origo* Gregorian

FEBRUARY 8 — SEXAGESIMA

- Mass, Missa Sancti Josephi* Peeters
- Motet, Ego sum panis vivus Palestrina
- Evensong*
- Magnificat and Nunc dimittis 16th Cent. and Palestrina
- Motet, Caro mea est cibus Caldara
- O salutaris hostia Byrd
- Motet, Adoramus te Mozart
- Tantum ergo No. 4 Bruckner

FEBRUARY 12 — ACOLYTES' FESTIVAL

- Missa Festiva in D Gretchaninov
- Motet, Sicut cervus Palestrina
- Ego sum panis vivus Byrd

FEBRUARY 15 — QUINQUAGESIMA

- Mass, Missa Misericordias Domini* Rheinberger
- Motet, Ego sum panis vivus Caldara
- Evensong*
- Magnificat and Nunc dimittis Farrant
- Motet, Ave verum des Pres
- O salutaris hostia Tallis
- Motet, Ave verum Noyon
- Tantum ergo Boellmann

FEBRUARY 18 — ASH WEDNESDAY

- Mass, Missa Paenitentia* Gregorian

FEBRUARY 22 — LENT I

- Mass, Missa In die tribulationis* di Lasso
- Motet, O quam gloriosum Byrd
- Evensong*
- Litany in Procession Gregorian
- Motet, Vexilla Regis Bruckner
- O salutaris hostia Bruckner
- Motet, Adoramus te Monteverdi
- Tantum ergo (4 parts) Victoria

SERVICES

SUNDAYS

Low Mass	7:00 a.m.
Morning Prayer	7:40 a.m.
Low Mass	8:00 a.m.
Sung Mass (St Francis' Altar)	9:00 a.m.
Low Mass (Lady Chapel)	10:00 a.m.
High Mass, with sermon	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service and Benediction, with address	8:00 p.m.

*WEEK DAYS

Mass, daily	7, 8, and 9:30 a.m.
Also on greater Holy Days as announced	
	11 am. and 12:10 p.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Intercessions

Wednesdays	12:10-12:40
Mass, Fridays	12:10 p.m.
Morning Prayer (with Litany, Fridays)	9:00 a.m.
Evening Prayer (with Litany, Wednesdays)	6:00 p.m.
Special Devotions, Fridays (St Francis' Altar)	8:15 p.m.

*Consult Lenten leaflet for schedule of services February 18th, to 28th, inclusive.

*Other Services during the Week, and on Festivals,
as announced on the preceding Sunday.*

The Church is open daily from 6:30 a.m. till 9 p.m.

Adults or children can be prepared at any time for First Confession, Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

The Parish Secretary's office is open at the following times:
Mondays to Fridays 9:15 to 1 and 2 to 5
Closed on legal holidays.

SACRAMENTS AND OTHER RITES

CONFESSIONS

FATHER TABER: Fridays, 12 to 1; Saturdays, 2 to 3 and 8 to 9 p.m.

FATHER JACOBY: Thursdays, 4:30 to 5:30; Saturdays, 4 to 5 and 7 to 8 p.m.

FATHER LAVEY: Fridays, 4:30 to 5:30 and 7 to 8 p.m., Saturdays, 3 to 4 p.m.

Confessions will also be heard Sundays, 8:40 to 9:00 a.m.

A Priest can always be seen after any service.

BAPTISMS.—Sundays after High Mass by arrangements with the clergy. Proper sponsors should be chosen.

MARRIAGES are solemnized only after arrangement with the clergy and after three days' notice has been given. A certificate of Baptism should be produced by both parties. Those to be married should, if confirmed, receive Holy Communion. A nuptial Mass is suggested. It is against God's law to marry anyone divorced, as long as the other partner is living.

SICK CALLS.—Holy Unction and Communion of the Sick, on application to the clergy, in person, by telephone, or by post.

BURIALS.—The clergy should always be consulted *before* any arrangements are made. The bodies of baptized persons may be brought to the Chantry of the church at any time before the day of the funeral. It is the usual custom at St Mary's to have the funeral service a requiem Mass.

MUSIC.—Arrangements for music at weddings or funerals should be made directly with Mr White, the Director of Music.

PARISH GUILDS AND ORGANIZATIONS

All persons who come regularly to the Church of St Mary the Virgin are urged to ally themselves with one of the Guilds and thus take their share in the work of the Church and its missionary activities. Any inquiries concerning each particular Guild may be addressed to the Chaplain, who will gladly give information.

THE CHURCH SCHOOL.—Sundays, Sung Mass and Instruction, 9 a.m. Corporate Communion, last Sunday, 9 a.m.

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.—Day Branch, second Fridays, Corporate Communion 9:30 a.m. Business Meeting, 10:45 a.m. Farther Taber, *Chaplain*, Evening Branch, first Tuesdays, 8 p.m. Corporate Communion first Sundays, 9 a.m. Father Taber, *Chaplain*.

ST MARY'S GUILD.—For making and care of vestments. Working meetings, Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Corporate Communion, first Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m., monthly business meeting, 10:45 a.m. Father Taber, *Chaplain*.

GUILD OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS.—For charities and for missions of the Church. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Monthly devotional meeting, third Wednesdays, 8:30 p.m. Corporate Communion, first Sunday, 9 a.m. Father Jacoby, *Chaplain*.

GUILD OF HELP.—For forwarding the social service work of the Church. Meetings as announced from time to time. Father Taber, *Chaplain*.

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