

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

IN COMPLIANCE WITH A DECREE of Caesar Augustus, Joseph took Mary, his wife, to be enrolled in the census, to their ancestral village of Bethlehem. Bethlehem was a suburb about five miles from Jerusalem, so the journey from Nazareth involved a rugged ninety mile trip on a donkey.

The details of the Birth of Christ are so well known that we need not repeat them. We should note, however, that eight days after His birth, our Lord was taken to be circumcised according to the law of the Jews. He submitted to this rite, despite the fact that He was above the law, to give us an example of humility and obedience.

Then forty days after His Birth, His Mother presented herself at the temple for the rite of purification as was the law of the Jews after the birth of a son. The parents were expected to make an offering of a lamb on the occasion unless they were very poor. Significantly, the best the Holy Family could offer was a pair of turtle doves.



Feb. 5
1956

your weekly calendar

Sunday, Feb. 5
Sexagesima Sunday
Mass for the Parish

Monday, Feb. 6
St. Titus
Bishop and Confessor
Friend of St. Paul

Tuesday, Feb. 7
St. Romuald
Benedictine Abbot

Wednesday, Feb. 8
St. John of Matha
Confessor
Ransomer of Captives

Thursday, Feb. 9
St. Cyril of Alexandria
Bishop, Confessor and
Doctor of the Church

Friday, Feb. 10
St. Scholastica
Virgin
Sister of St. Benedict

Saturday, Feb. 11
Apparition of
Our Lady at
Lourdes

THE WISE MEN FROM THE EAST

THE GOSPEL TELLS US that Magi came from afar to worship the Christ Child. In the liturgy we celebrate their visit on January 6, the feast of Epiphany, which means His "manifestation" to the Gentiles. The word "Magi" is Persian and refers to members of a priestly caste in Persia. Whether or not they were kings is uncertain.

SEXAGESIMA Sunday

FEBRUARY IS CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH. During this month, we pay tribute to the printed word as a means of spreading the message of Christ and His Church to the world. Traditionally, of course, our expanding knowledge of the word of God comes from the instruction or sermon at the Sunday Mass in our parish church. But there is not a priest to be found who feels that a brief sermon can possibly cover all aspects of the teachings and activities of the Church. That is why Catholics are urged, especially at this time, to subscribe to Catholic papers and periodicals to learn more about the Faith so that they can appreciate it more and explain it intelligently when required.



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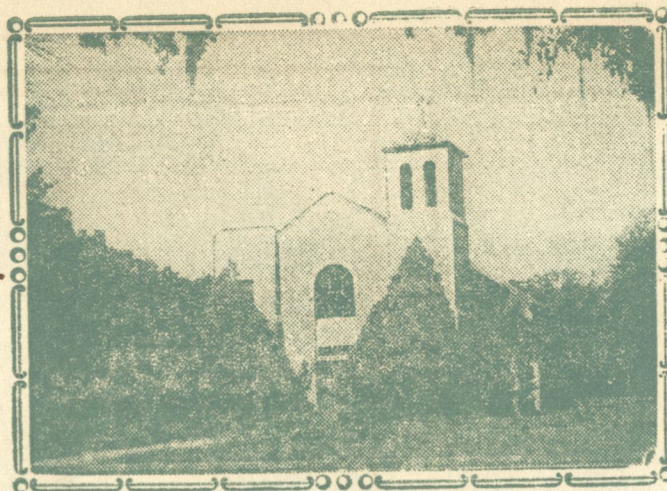
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TUESDAY - 7:45 P.M. - NOVENA DEVOTIONS - in
Honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

FRIDAY - 7:15 A.M. - MASS - HOLY COMMUNION
9:00 A.M. - SCHOOL MASS

SECOND COLLECTION - Last Sunday results of
our Parochial School Fund Collection,
amounted to \$310.00. Over the "water
line," BUT - pretty close for comfort!
Don't dunk me, PLEASE!

CATHOLIC WOMANS CLUB COVERED DISH SUPPER

MONDAY - FEB. 6th. - 7:00 P.M. - at the
YACHT CLUB (across from the City Zoo)
EVERY LADY OF THE PARISH IS INVITED!
Bring your own knife, fork, spoon and
plate. Meat dishes will be supplied by
the Officers of the Club. Bring your
favorite prepared dish, or pie, or cake.
The regular business meeting will
follow the supper.

TUESDAY - FEB. 7th. - 8:15 P.M. - REGULAR
MEETING of the Holy Name Society.
YOU COMING, SIR? WE NEED YOU! LOVE TO
HAVE YOU! Refreshments and fun after
the meeting.

REMEMBER: THE BIG NIGHT!

WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 8th. - 8:00 P.M.

FEB. 8th. - BIG CARD PARTY - FEB. 8th.

Have you purchased your tickets for
the BIG CARD PARTY at the Mayfair Inn
for WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 8th.? 8:00 P.M.
DOOR PRIZE - \$25.00 SAVINGS BOND! You
do not have to be present to win, BUT
YOUR TICKET MUST BE PAID FOR! PLEASE
MAKE RETURNS IMMEDIATELY! LATEST MONDAY
NIGHT! LETS MAKE THIS A HUGE SUCCESS.
This party is sponsored by our Catholic
Womans Club.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

The work of CATHOLIC CHARITIES - your
agent for good - is not restricted to
children. there is much to be done in
other areas of service - and CATHOLIC
CHARITIES IS DOING IT - but only as much
as your generosity will allow!

YOUR SUPPORT of CATHOLIC CHARITIES
determines how well they serve and how
many. The aged, poor families, unwed
parents, innocent children born out of
wedlock, crippled children, neglected,
abandoned, orphaned children - they look
to CATHOLIC CHARITIES for Christ's per-
fect and universal charity. BUT -
CATHOLIC CHARITIES CAN DO NOTHING WITHOUT
YOU. GIVE - ONE DAY'S PAY!

SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 19th. - so that
CATHOLIC CHARITIES work for Christ may
continue and increase for 1956!

BLESSED CANDLES - Have you secured your
Blessed Candles for the home? They are
nicely boxed, two in a box. These candles
were Blessed on the Feast of Purification.
Make any offering you wish, remember you
are not buying these Blessed Candles.

YOUR CATHOLIC DIGEST FOR FEBRUARY is now
in the racks - DON'T FORGET YOUR COPY!
While your at it, take along a copy of
the Sunday Visitor and learn the truth as
only a Catholic Press can give you.

* DO PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH *

WE ARE ON THE THRESHOLD of the solemn season of penance. Our altars are stripped, the liturgy bears the seriousness of repentance and our hearts should be seized with that same spirit. But what is the spirit of repentance? Is it a gloomy, depressing set of Lenten resolutions? Is it merely "giving up" something? It can be these, of course, for penance is not easy. But with motherly wisdom, the Church in the Mass today points to a higher penance when she recalls for us the thoughts which St. Paul outlines to his Corinthian converts:

If I could speak with the tongues of Angels;

If I could prophesy and know all things;

If I should give my goods to the poor;

If I should give my body to be burned;

If I do all these things and have not charity, they are in vain.

But what is charity? Charity is simply love! Love of God and because of Him, love of our neighbor. It is the love which St. Paul describes in this vein:

Charity is patient and kind;

Charity is not touched by envy or meanness;

Charity is not boastful or ambitious;

Charity beareth all things; believeth all things; hopeth all things and endureth all things;

Three things hold fast: Faith, Hope and Charity;

But the greatest of these is Charity.

This is the spirit of Christ and the perfect spirit of penance.

WHAT TO DO FOR LENT?

- 1) If you are of age and are physically able, observe the laws of fast and abstinence.
- 2) Try hard to go to Mass and Holy Communion daily.
- 3) Attend evening Lenten devotions in your parish.
- 4) Say the Rosary daily, especially in the family group.

PRAYER FROM THE BLESSING OF ASHES

ONE OF THE SACRAMENTALS OF THE CHURCH is blessed ashes. The palms, which were blessed on Palm Sunday, are burned to a fine ash, from which a cross is inscribed on our forehead on Ash Wednesday. In blessing these ashes the priest says:

Let Us Pray. Help us, O Lord, to begin with holy fasting this campaign of our Christian warfare: that, as we do battle with the spirits of wickedness, we may be defended by the aids of self-denial. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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your weekly calendar

Sunday, Feb. 12
Quinquagesima
Mass for the Parish

Monday, Feb. 13
Mass as on Sunday
Pre-Lenten day

Tuesday, Feb. 14
Mass as on Sunday
Commemoration of
St. Valentine
Bishop - Martyr

Wednesday, Feb. 15
Ash Wednesday
Lent begins
Fast and abstinence

Thursday, Feb. 16
Lenten weekday
Fast

Friday, Feb. 17
Lenten weekday
Fast and abstinence

Saturday, Feb. 18
Lenten weekday
Fast

WEDNESDAY IS THE FIRST DAY of Lent. It is a blunt, chilling and sobering thought that Lent is here. Today, tomorrow and Tuesday, we must make up our minds on the kind of Lent we want to make this one. Do we want to "ease through" this season of penance and kid ourselves that we are sincere Catholics? Or do we honestly want to come to grips with ourselves and make this a true season of penance?

That is our personal decision. Remember that the prime purpose of Lent is to imitate the Divine Master. Then choose if you want to walk at His side down the path of penance or drift by yourself along the path of indifference.



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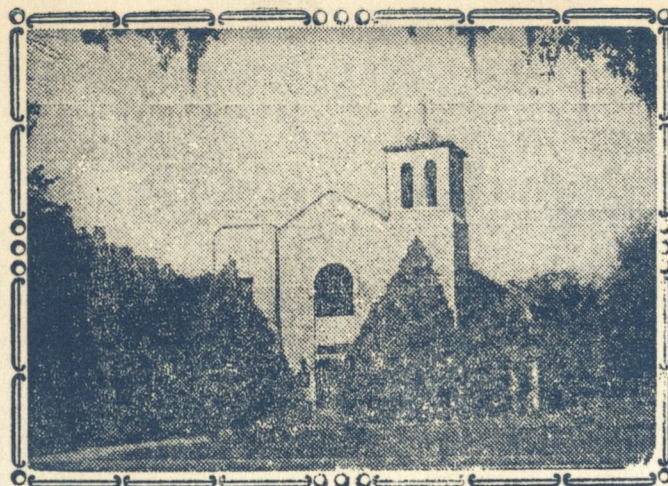
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THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT BEGINS THIS WEEK!
SO PLEASE OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES!

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THERE WILL BE NO DEVOTIONS ON TUES.EVENING!
WEDNESDAY - is ASH WEDNESDAY

Ashes will be Blessed and distributed before the 7:15 A.M. Mass on Wed. morning.
They will also be distributed AFTER the 7:15 A.M. Mass - and - again on Wed. evening AFTER the evening Devotions.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING - 7:45 P.M. - there will be Lenten Devotions, together with the regular NOVENA DEVOTIONS (instead of Tues.Eve)

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FRIDAY EVENING - 7:45 P.M. - there will be STATIONS OF THE CROSS and BENEDICTION

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CONFESSIONS - will be heard EVERY MORNING before Mass DURING LENT, beginning with ASH WEDNESDAY - also - AFTER EVERY EVENING DEVOTION.

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SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 19th. - ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES will be taken up.

It will be entirely by envelope, you will find the envelopes in your benches TO-DAY!

ONE DAY'S WAGES IS THE LEAST THAT THE CONSCIENTIOUS CATHOLIC MAY GIVE TO THIS ANNUAL ONE DAY APPEAL FOR THE POOR IN CHRIST.

Of course it will mean Sacrifice - but - ONLY THE SELFISH SHRINK FROM SACRIFICE. Indeed where there is no sacrifice, THERE IS NO CHARITY! THROUGH CHARITY, MAN BECOMES LIKE CHRIST! WITHOUT CHARITY he is NOTHING.

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CONFIRMATION - will be given in this Church on FRIDAY - MARCH 16th. at 8:00 P.M.
CHILDREN NOT IN THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL are URGED to attend the Sunday Catechism Classes for further information leading to the preparation for this Sacrament.
ADULTS - may come to the RECTORY to enroll for a short instruction to receive Confirmation ON THE SAME DATE, if they have not yet been Confirmed.

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A DAY OF RECOLLECTION - is being sponsored by the Catholic Womans Club for THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd. - from 9:00 A.M. until 2:30 P.M. It will consist of Mass: several Spiritual Talks: designed to help them in their daily lives: Stations of the Cross: Rosary: and Benediction at the close. EVERY WOMAN IN THE PARISH - SINGLE OR MARRIED - IS URGED TO ATTEND: go to Communion at the 9:00 A.M. Mass, have coffee and dough-nuts, listen to the instructions: have a sandwich and coffee at lunch (.25¢) -- AND PRAY!

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SECOND COLLECTION LAST SUNDAY - (our School Fund Collection) came to \$480.00 - WOW! That one word expresses how I feel, THANK YOU!

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LENTEN REGULATIONS ON FAST AND ABSTINENCE WILL BE IN YOUR BULLETIN NEXT SUNDAY!
On Abstinence - EVERYONE over 7 years of age is bound to observe the law of abstinence.
ON FAST - EVERYONE over 21 and under 59 years of age is also bound to observe the law of Fast.
+++ PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH +++

THE HOLY INNOCENTS

WE KNOW THAT THE MAGI CAME to Jerusalem to get information about the new King from the cruel Herod. They agreed to report back to Herod when they found Him. But after they found the Child "they received an answer in their sleep that they should not return to Herod." When he finally learned that he had been tricked, Herod, in fury, ordered all male children under the age of two years to be killed. Judging from population figures available, there were about eighty infants involved in Herod's massacre. It is the sacrifice of the Holy Innocent Children that we celebrate on December 28.

THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT

IN THE MEANTIME, an angel appeared to St. Joseph in his sleep and commanded that he flee to Egypt with the Mother and the Child. The Gospel tells us that Joseph stole away in the dead of the night. We have no way of knowing how far down into Egypt the Holy Family travelled, but it required a journey of at least several days. We don't know for certain either how long they stayed, but it was probably a year. This incident served to fulfill the words of the prophet: *Out of Egypt have I called my son.*

THE RETURN TO NAZARETH

WHEN HEROD DIED, AN ANGEL again appeared to St. Joseph and told him it was now safe to return the Child and His Mother to their homeland. It appears that St. Joseph had every intention of setting up his household in Bethlehem on his return, but he found that Archelaus, the son of Herod, was now ruler. He enjoyed his father's reputation for cruelty and St. Joseph prudently decided to take his family to Nazareth.

There they lived a quiet family life. They were poor, but their poverty did not gall them. St. Joseph was a carpenter and probably operated as the village handyman. It is not difficult for us to imagine that Jesus helped him in their home workshop just as any serious minded boy would do. We know nothing of these years, of course, for the next mention of our Lord's activities in the Gospel occurs when He went to the Temple at the age of twelve.

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First Sunday in Lent

If you follow today's Mass in your Missal, you will read in the Tract: *Thou art my Protector and my Refuge.* That thought sets the theme of today's bulletin. We may feel by now that our fasting and penance is a very noble thing on our part and that Our Blessed Lord ought to be pretty grateful to us for it. Has it dawned on us, however, that maybe our little program of mortification is nothing more than buying insurance to have His protection and care?

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Sunday, Feb. 19
First Sunday in Lent
Mass for the Parish

Monday, Feb. 20
Lenten Weekday

Tuesday, Feb. 21
Lenten Weekday

Wednesday, Feb. 22
Lenten Weekday
Ember Day

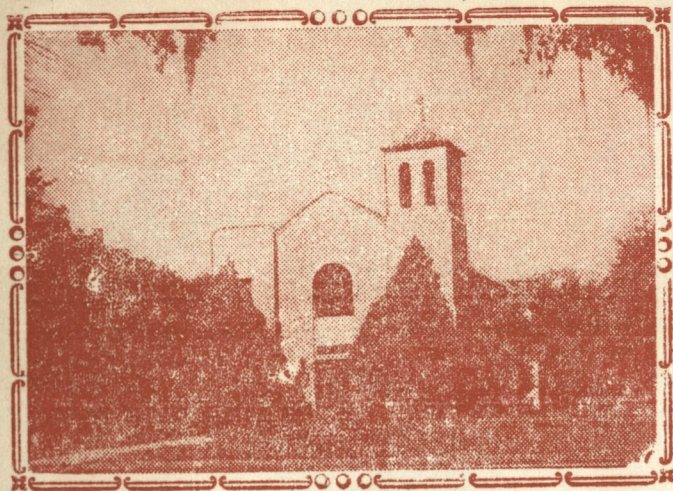
Thursday, Feb. 23
Lenten Weekday

Friday, Feb. 24
Lenten Weekday
Ember Day

Saturday, Feb. 25
St. Matthias
Apostle
Ember Day

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REGULATIONS ON FAST AND ABSTINENCE

ON ABSTINENCE

EVERYONE over 7 years of age is BOUND TO OBSERVE THE LAW OF ABSTINENCE.

COMPLETE ABSTINENCE is to be observed on FRIDAYS and ASH WEDNESDAY.

On days of COMPLETE ABSTINENCE - meat and soup or gravy made from meat MAY NOT BE USED AT ALL.

PARTIAL ABSTINENCE is to be observed on EMBER WEDNESDAYS AND SATURDAYS. On days of PARTIAL ABSTINENCE - meat and soup or gravy made from meat may be taken ONLY ONCE a day AT THE PRINCIPAL MEAL.

ON FAST

EVERYONE over 21 and under 59 years of age is ALSO BOUND TO OBSERVE THE LAW OF FAST.

The days of FAST are the WEEKDAYS OF LENT, including HOLY SATURDAY.

On days of FAST - ONLY ONE FULL MEAL IS ALLOWED. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs; but - TO-GETHER they SHOULD NOT EQUAL ANOTHER FULL MEAL. Meat may be taken at the principal meal on a day of Fast - EXCEPT ON FRIDAYS AND ASH WEDNESDAY.

EATING BETWEEN MEALS IS NOT PERMITTED: but - liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. In doubt concerning Fast or Abstinence, a Parish Priest or Confessor should be consulted.

The faithful are earnestly exhorted during the periods of Fast and Abstinence to attend daily Mass; to receive Holy Communion often; to take part more frequently in exercises of piety; to give generously to works of religion and charity; to perform acts of kindness toward the sick, the aged and the poor; to practice voluntary self-denial especially regarding alcoholic drink and worldly amusements; and to pray more fervently, particularly for the intentions of the Holy Father.

++ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THIS CHANGE++

The season of Lent continues

UNTIL MIDNIGHT OF HOLY SATURDAY!

WEEKDAY MASS - 7:15 A.M. (except Monday)

TUESDAY - 7:45 P.M. - LENTEN TALK with

NOVENA DEVOTIONS

THURSDAY - DAY OF RECOLLECTION - 9:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. sponsored by the Catholic Womans Club. Three Spiritual talks; Rosary; Stations of the Cross; Spiritual Reading; closing with Benediction. EVERY WOMAN OF THE PARISH INVITED! Please REGISTER at the Church entrance, if possible, so the Ladies will know how much Coffee and Doughnuts to prepare, FREE. Sandwiches at lunch .25¢ - Coffee FREE.

FRIDAY MORNING - 7:15 A.M. - HOLY COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. - SCHOOL MASS

FRIDAY EVENING - 7:45 P.M. - STATIONS OF

THE CROSS and BENEDICTION

NEXT SUNDAY - FAMILY COMMUNION SUNDAY

VERY IMPORTANT for YOUR FAMILY and ESPECIALLY FOR YOUR CHILDREN

SOLEMN NOVENA - SUNDAY MARCH 4th. to MONDAY MARCH 12th. - Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. Father Wright, Vincentian, will Preach the Novena. DAILY at 7:45 PM for ONLY one half hour. DON'T MISS IT! CONFIRMATION - FRI. MARCH 16th. - 8:00 P.M.

MY FATHER'S BUSINESS

ST. LUKE TELLS US THAT when Jesus was twelve years old, He accompanied His parents to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. The law required an adult male Jew to appear at the temple three times each year. Hence, Our Blessed Lady was excused and so was Jesus Himself since a boy did not become a "son of the law" until he was thirteen years old.

But we can well imagine that the Holy Family welcomed this outing with their fellow-townsmen as well as the opportunity to visit relatives.


On their way back to Nazareth, Mary was in the company of the women; Joseph, in the company of the men. Each thought the boy, Jesus, was in the other's party. At nightfall, at the end of the first day's journey, they missed Him. Mary and Joseph hastened back to Jerusalem and it was only at the end of three grief-filled days that they found Him, sitting among the teachers in the temple.

And his Mother said to him: "Son why hast thou done so to us? Behold thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. And he said to them: Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business? . . . And he went down with them and was subject to them. And his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and grace with God and men.

JOHN, THE FORERUNNER

IN THE MEANTIME, FAR TO THE SOUTH OF NAZARETH, in the hill country of Judea, lived the cousin of Jesus, John, who was to be called the Baptist. And while Jesus grew in age and wisdom, the Spirit of God was working on the great rugged soul of John to prepare him for his mission to preach penance to prepare for the coming of Christ. Next week we shall see more of the role of John the Baptist in the life of Our Lord.

ONE OF THE INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER IS TO PRAY FOR THE RETURN OF OUR SEPARATED BRETHREN

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**your
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Sunday, Feb. 26
Second Sunday
in Lent
Mass for the Parish

Monday, Feb. 27
Lenten Weekday

Tuesday, Feb. 28
St. Gabriel of
Our Lady of Sorrows
19th century
Passionist

**Wednesday,
Feb. 29**
Lenten Weekday

Thursday, Mar. 1
Lenten Weekday

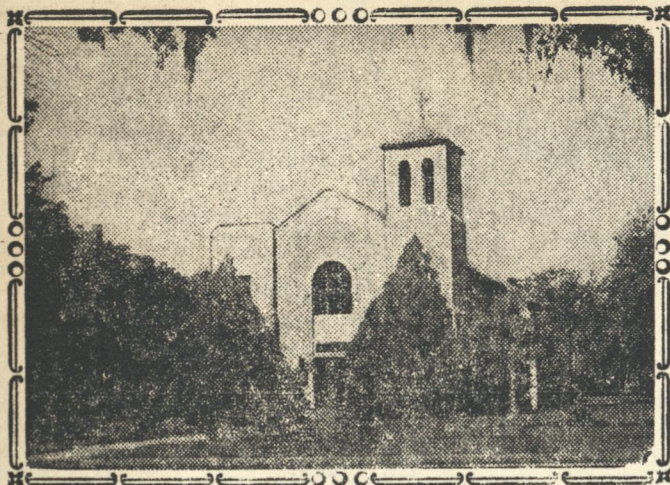
Friday, Mar. 2
Lenten Weekday
First Friday



Saturday, Mar. 3
Lenten Weekday

Second Sunday in Lent..

Today's Gospel reminds us again that if our Lenten observance is Christ-centered, He can raise us up to Himself, which is truly the state of holiness. There is a danger, during a time like Lent, that we become so engrossed in our little program of self-denial, that we appear to expect the Lord to come down to our level. Rather we should seek the thought expressed in today's Offertory: *I will lift up my hands to Thy commandments which I have loved.*



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THURSDAY - 7:00 P.M. - CONFESSIONS - until
the Holy Hour
7:45 P.M. - HOLY HOUR

FRIDAY - FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
7:15 A.M. - HOLY COMMUNION
9:00 A.M. - SCHOOL MASS

FRIDAY - 7:45 P.M. - STATIONS OF THE CROSS
and BENEDICTION

NEXT SUNDAY - MARCH 4th. - REGULAR COMMUNION
SUNDAY - for the Catholic Womans
Club at the 8 o'clock Mass, we hope
we have as good a turn out as we
did on the Day of Recollection.

+++++ S O L E M N N O V E N A +++++

NEXT SUNDAY - MARCH 4th. - at 7:45 P.M.
and each night until MONDAY -
MARCH 12th. - in Honor of Our Lady
of the Miraculous Medal.
Father Wright, Vincentian, will
conduct the Novena. DON'T MISS IT!
It is only for ONE HALF HOUR.

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH
THE MASS ON SUNDAY IS OFFERED UP
FOR YOUR INTENTIONS!

BAKE SALE - NEXT SUNDAY - MARCH 4th.

The Catholic Womans Club will hold a
BAKE SALE at all the Masses, on the
lawn in front of the Church. DONATIONS
OF CAKES - PIES - COOKIES will be deep-
ly appreciated. May we count on your
kind co-operation as in the past?

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Instructions for the First Communion
Class EVERY SATURDAY at 10:30 A.M. and
AFTER the 8 o'clock Mass, in the School.
Time is getting short and it is the
DUTY OF EVERY PARENT to see to it that
their children attend these instructions
without fail.

CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS - watch for the
announcement on this next Sunday.

CHARITY COLLECTION - taken up at all the
Masses last Sunday amounted to \$830.00
MANY, MANY THANKS - especially in view
of the fact that our School Fund Coll-
ection did not suffer to much.

SCHOOL FUND COLLECTION

(The second collection each Sunday)
came to \$355.00, and again all we can
say is "THANK YOU GOOD PEOPLE".

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Held by the Catholic Womans Club this
past Thursday, was a huge success.
Some 80 women attended these services
and at its closing, it was the opinion
that it should be repeated.

CATHOLIC READING

Take along a Sunday Visitor with you
after Mass and really learn what is
going on. You will find them at all
the entrances to the Church.

***** H A M D R A W I N G *****

The Holy Name Society is sponsoring an
Easter Ham Drawing to be held after the
Novena Services on March 27th. in the
Parish Annex. Tickets are only .10¢
each or book of 3 for .25¢.