

THIS DAY and AGE

Lent and the Mass

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Today's Gospel tells us of Our Lord's long fast prior to the inception of His public life. At the end of this fast, Christ was tempted three times by the devil.

Our Lord alone could have related the temptations which he had to meet in the desert. The were most grave. Satan tried to have Him doubt His own divine Sonship. He asked Christ to turn the stones into bread that Christ's bodily needs might be satisfied. Whereas, Christ declared: "My meat is to do the will of Him who sent Me, that I may perfect His work." "Man liveth in every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God."

The second temptation was to put to a test the divine Sonship of which Christ was apparently so certain. Our Lord rejects the temptation with the words, "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God."

In the third temptation, Satan concedes to Our Lord the office of the Messiah; he asks Christ to accept the worship of the nations, the tribute of all the world. This will be Christ's if He will adore Satan. "The Lord thy God and Him only shalt thou adore," answered Christ. And angels came and ministered to Him.

To conclude that because these temptations were so grave, their very magnitude excludes any relation of ours with them, it is a very grievous error. Christ was tempted because "it behooved Him in all things to be made like unto His brethren that He might become a merciful and faithful high-priest. In that wherein He Himself hath suffered and been tempted, He is able to succor them also that are tempted.

Nor are the temptations which Christ had here to meet unknown in their measure to us. The Christian is faced with the dilemma, at time of choosing between the sonship with God and his material well-being. "I must first have the means of physical life, then shall I and my family be able to serve God." Indeed, it is preached as a truth that we must promote physical welfare and the right distribution of the goods of this world, and then we can ask the acceptance of the Gospel truths.

The Christian is tempted to think that earthly success is a sure evidence of his God-given work and to be encouraged by the worldly applause, reward and recognition that thus comes to him.

The Christian is tempted to bow down before Satan—for Satan is the father of double-dealing, of unworthy compromise, of the careful protection and the promotion of self—and with all these subtle tendencies, the soul is faced.

Our Lord bore these temptations, not alone that He might be like unto us, but that he might gain the who is true God, has assumed our humanity and taken us up to recognize the temptation to overcome.

We dwell in the aid of the Most High; we abide under the protection of the God of heaven, because Jesus Christ, who is true God, has assumed our humanity and taken us unto Himself. His human shoulders have borne and made issue with our temptations. He overshadows us with his shoulders now, and under His wings we shall trust. If we hope in Him, He will deliver us. He will glorify us and lead us on the great high road of true and faithful life.

Purify us, O Lord, from the old life and make us pass into the fellowship of Thy saving mystery.

Cultural Club Valentine Card Party Saturday

Everybody will be at the Valentine Card Party, Saturday, February 10, 1940 at 7:30 P. M. at Wilkeli's Funeral Home, 6522 Superior Avenue. This gala affair is being sponsored by the Lithuanian Cultural Club and tends to break attendance records.

Are you going to be one of the missing? If so, don't hold it against your friends if they rave about the doings that you missed!

Games, Card Playing and fun galore with plenty of refreshments will tend to keep you there until early in the morning.

Remember—It's also Valentine Time! Bring your Valentine, a mailman will deliver it for you! Extra Valentines will be available at the Party in the event you want to remember someone else.

Make it a DATE! Ask your friends to come along with you and enjoy a wonderful evening!

The tariff is only 25 cents, so don't let that stop you.

LITTLE FAULTS

Hunt down and slay your little faults. Nothing hinders the free and generous action of the Holy Spirit more than these. Thus counsels the saintly Jesuit - Father William Doyle.

Father Hecker, a convert, founded the Paulists.

The Variety Vision

By Para Deigh

Lent entertains us once again with a series of Eggs-Fish Diets and Fasting Sprees. My evils I shall cast aside—well, I'll try anyway—and I shall attempt to think of others—besides La Femme.

For the worthwhile cause of accuracy, and out of courteous deference for the offended feelings of Al Katien and John Stankus whose engagement was lately announced, permit me to acknowledge an apparent inadvertency due to an unverified misconception. By their own statements, they are not engaged.

One A. P. report says: "John Deering, a truck driver of Anderson, Indiana, was stranded along the road with a burned out fuse. Two men drove alongside and relieved him of \$5—but supplied him with a fuse before they fled." From a psychological standpoint, this case is quite a paradox, but the thieves' actions are by no means perverted.

"We hear a lot nowadays of the surfeit of sound in the modern world," writes Edwin Evans. "It seldom occurs to anybody, however, to reflect upon the extreme rarity of that complete quiet which is regarded as ideal. Complete quiet means silence, and silence exists nowhere, neither in human activity nor in Nature. The quietness of the countryside, even at night, is only relative. Listen attentively, and a multitude of sounds will crowd upon the ear, from the trees, the undergrowth, the ground beneath it, the very air. Though there be not the gentle breeze there will be everywhere a faint rustling which tells of life. Silence there is not.

If absolute silence really existed anywhere I venture to think that it would be so completely terrifying that no human being would be able to endure it for long. So, if the noise of the modern world seems unbearable, it is well to reflect that absolute silence might spell madness." Hmm! I'm reflecting—and not in the mirror, either.

AIR "CALL TO YOUTH" PROGRAM

Station WTAM of Cleveland is relaying the weekly series of programs entitled, "Call to Youth". This broad-originating in the NBC studios, present important Catholic leaders on the subject of "Eternal Heroines as they Walk in the Twentieth Century".

Especially designed for our youth these programs began on February 3rd and will continue on through May 25th.

The program is broadcast on Saturday mornings at 12:30 p. m.

Priest Relates Dangers During Teruel Siege

TELLS OF PERILS IN CARRYING BLESSED SACRAMENT TO SOLDIERS

The Rev. Emilio Saura, O. P., a military chaplain, has related personal experiences connected with the fall of Teruel in Spain which read like the heroisms of the first centuries of the Church.

"My battalion," he writes, "which defended the Seminary had entirely disappeared; some died and the others were made prisoners by the Reds. God has not willed that I should share the lot of my companions.

"To accomplish an act of my ministry I passed over to the military headquarters on December 21st, when the city was already occupied by the Marxists. That night, at the headquarters, a Franciscan priest had prepared them absolution; but he did not have the Blessed Sacrament nor altar breads to consecrate. A young engineer volunteered to face the dangers of crossing the city from the south to the north to go to the Seminary for the Sacred Reserve. The bishop, seventy priests and five or six military chaplains had taken refuge in the Seminary with the troops and a large part of the population. Being a military chaplain, I thought I should offer myself to carry the Blessed Sacrament. I hid it under my coat and accompanied by the young engineer, I made for the headquarters. God alone knows the number of shots fired at us during the short journey. A porch, or the ruins of a house, or a street corner served in turn as momentary places of refuge. The Lord willed that we should

arrive safe at last. What I feared the most during those moments was lest I should fall in the street and expose the Blessed Sacrament to the profanations of the Reds. Thanks be to God, it was not so! How little man knows of the ways of Providence! I left the Seminary thinking I was to perish in the street, and God was guiding me to safety; for He already knew that those in the Seminary were either to perish or to be taken prisoners.

"Colonel Rey gave me orders to stay at headquarters to attend to the spiritual care of the soldiers and civilians who lived there.

"On December 22nd, I organized a round of men for the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and also sought out volunteers for the perpetual Rosary. I assembled a group of twenty-four men, who relieved one another, each one praying one hour a day. The women offered themselves willingly in far greater numbers, and for each hour I had not only one person but a group of persons. As you see, during the siege our eucharistic Lord and our Blessed Lady were not one moment without being praised.

"We also said the rosary in public every evening, and likewise when the attacks of the Reds were more furious. At the morning Mass and the evening Rosary, Father Gil, a Franciscan, spoke to the people. The general theme of his sermons bore on the need to raise our war to a supernatural level and convert it into a Holy Crusade

St. George PTA Prepares for More Welfare Work

The winter season is a very busy one for the Parent Teacher's Association, not only in the parish but also in its diocesan work. St. George's parish is represented for the first time in its history, and the women are sacrificing a lot of their time getting knowledge in this work, so they can carry on this work in the parish.

The PTA field of work is a wide one and here are just a few departments, that comes in its work: Educational, Welfare, Safety, Red Cross, Social Hygiene, Juvenile, Health and Parent and many others.

This program of work, requires a large membership, and it is the duty of each mother to aid in this work for her child. So why not join your parish unit and become a part of this great organization.

On Tuesday, Feb. 13, the Catholic P T League is hold-

ing a "Founders" Day Tea, at the Mid-Day Club, to which all parish units are asked to send at least five of its officers. Last Tuesday, Feb. 6th, the Juvenile Protection Dept. held its meeting and our parish unit was represented by two delegates.

From these various department meetings good ideas are gotten, so the members can expect good reports at the next meeting, watch for date in this paper.

The officers of the parish unit, and the members of the recent card party committee, wish to express their sincere thanks to every one who contributed to make this second social event of the organization a success. Your support is very much appreciated, and we hope we can count on it in our coming social parties. Again we say thank you.

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