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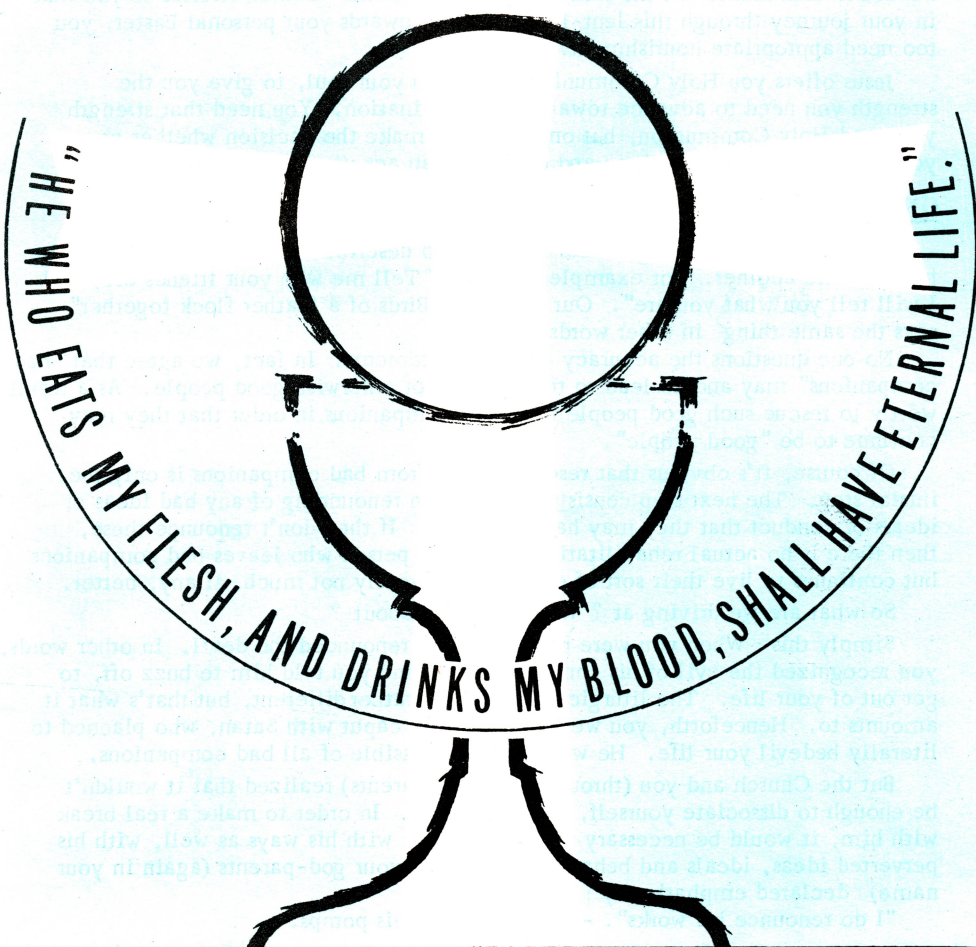
Bulletin

Mission

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STARVING ?

You are on a long journey, a lifelong journey. It began on the day you were baptised, its destination is Heaven.

On that day, the day of your baptism, God exorcized the devil from your soul, rescuing you from the devil's kingdom of darkness and transferring you into His own kingdom of light, while adopting you as His child. That was the day when in the waters of Baptism, you died to sin, and arose to new life with God. That was the day when you promised to "stay dead to sin" but alive to God. That was the day when you set out on your lifelong pilgrimage as a follower of Christ, one who would bear witness to your title "Christ-ian" by the Christ-like way you would conduct yourself each day. That was the day that marked the beginning of your journey. It is a journey that will go on until the moment when you draw your last breath.

A long journey is a tiring thing, even more especially when the route is full of obstacles. The traveller needs nourishment regularly in order to maintain his strength so as to be able to go on. If he neglects or refuses to eat strengthening food, it is only a matter of time before he becomes weak and listless, gives up without ever reaching his destination.

As you proceed through Lent towards Easter, Holy Mother Church shows you today the miracle by which Jesus fed the multitude --- because the multitude needed nourishment. At the same time, Holy Mother Church stresses to you that in your journey through this lent-like lifetime towards your personal Easter, you too need appropriate nourishment.

Jesus offers you Holy Communion to nourish your soul, to give you the strength you need to advance towards your destination. You need that strength you need Holy Communion, but only you can make the decision whether or not you will receive Communion, and only you can act upon that decision.

ONLY THE INITIAL STEP

We have various sayings in our language to describe the influence that people have on one another. For example, we say, "Tell me who your friends are, and I will tell you what you are". Our proverb, "Birds of a feather flock together" says the same thing in other words.

No one questions the accuracy of these statements. In fact, we agree that "bad companions" may and do lead to the downfall of otherwise good people. As a result we try to rescue such good people from bad companions in order that they may continue to be "good people".

Of course, it's obvious that rescuing them from bad companions is only the initial step. The next step consists in their own renouncing of any bad ideas or ideals or conduct that they may have acquired. If they don't renounce these, then there is no actual rehabilitation. Thus, a person who leaves bad companions but continues to live their sort of evil life, is really not much, if any, better.

So what are we driving at ? What's this all about ?

Simply this : When you were baptized, you renounced the devil. In other words, you recognized the evil of his companionship, and you told him to buzz off, to get out of your life. The liturgical phrasing is rather different, but that's what it amounts to. Henceforth, you were done, finis, caput with Satan, who planned to literally bedevil your life. He was the worst possible of all bad companions.

But the Church and you (through your god-parents) realized that it wouldn't be enough to dissociate yourself, from the devil. In order to make a real break with him, it would be necessary for you to break with his ways as well, with his perverted ideas, ideals and behaviour. And so, your god-parents (again in your name) declared emphatically :

"I do renounce his works". - I do renounce his pomps.

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HIGH MASSES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY (purple)

10.30 For Alice Laflamme and Annie Kwawennawi Montour
by Mr. and Mrs. A. Morrison

MONDAY (white)

7.00 For Kateri's deceased benefactors
7.45 For a special intention by Mrs. Rolande Doiron

TUESDAY (purple)

7.00 For Henri Lalonde by Alex. Lalonde
7.45 For Mr. Jim Deer by Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Gagné

WEDNESDAY (purple)

7.00 For Mrs. Frances Hamilton by the family
7.45 For Mr. and Mrs. William Leclaire (25th anniv.)
by their daughter Annie TwoRivers

THURSDAY (purple)

7.00 For Emily Regis - Funeral collection
7.45 For Donald Jocks and Pauline Jocks-Stacey
by their aunt Blanche Nadeau of St-Romuald

FRIDAY (purple)

7.00 For Dominique Leclaire - funeral collection
7.45 For Angus Sosawetes and Annie Kwawennawi Montour
by their daughter

SATURDAY (purple)

7.00 For Walter Jacobs - funeral collection
7.45 For a special intention by a parishioner

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- The Sanctuary lamp will burn this week at the intention of a parishioner
 - To-night, at 7.30 - Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and devotions to St. Joseph.
 - During Lent Wednesday and Friday night, at 7.30 : Stations of the Cross, followed by a low mass to favor those who wish to attend Mass; other week days, Night prayers at 7.30 followed by a low mass.
 - Servers for the week : Bernard Jacobs and John Cross
 - Collection last Sunday : \$100.78
 - Congratulations to the happy parents of :
Peter, Roy, Nientario, son of Peter Beauvais and Léatrice Montour

N.B. :- It is Easter duties'time. We are sure that, as you did last year, you will come early for confession and not wait until the last night of Holy Week or Easter Sunday morning. Any time during office hours, mass hours, and night services there shall always be a priest for confessions.

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Of course, the devil isn't one to give up just because of one forthright rejection. He is out for revenge, and his revenge consists in duping you (gently at first) to go along with his code of life, rather than God's code. The measure of his success will be the measure of your gradual decline into sinful habits, then seriously sinful habits, then hell. And if your life on earth becomes miserable because of sin, well, that's what he wants too.

So you have renounced his evil companionship. You must also renounce his evil ways. But to renounce evil means that you must undertake to be good and to do good. After all, it's the people who are good and do good who build a better world constructively. It's the devil and his companions who are destructive, spoilers, hurters. And those will be the same patterns in eternity.

Those baptismal promises were not child's play. They were a declaration of war between God and Satan --- with your happiness the prize.

KATERI TEKAKWITHA

"THE SUMMARY" -7

Spiritual relations of the Servant of God with certain pious women. "It was a custom of the mission to place over each house wherein several families dwelt in common, one of the older women of tried virtue, who directed the daily order, the common prayers and hymns and in general the whole course of the domestic routine, and in the name of the missionary, saw that it was followed out. In the house in which Katharine dwelt, this position was held by a certain Iroquois woman, named Anastasia Tegonhatsihongo, who had formerly been acquainted with the mother of the Servant of God, and as it appears, was related in some way to Katharine herself. As may be readily understood, in a short while a closer intimacy sprang up between Anastasia and Katharine. This in turn soon developed into so close a spiritual friendship that Anastasia became her spiritual mother and guide, and played a leading part in the inner life of the Servant of God until the latter's death. But Katharine's true companion in virtue was an Indian maid of the Oneida tribe, named Mary Theresa Tegaiguenta, who had been baptized by Father Bruyas, but only after severe hardships suffered in the winter hunting season of 1675-1676 had she been converted to a fervent and exemplary life. One day Katharine and Mary Theresa, while assisting at the building of a new church, engaged in a pious conversation in which they disclosed to one another the Divine Grace manifested in the course of each of their lives. Moved by like desires of piety and penance, they entered upon a spiritual friendship which was afterwards approved by the missionaries. It is remarkable what progress in Christian perfection both women now made, stimulated by mutual rivalry."

Masses :

Sundays : 7.00- 9.00
10.30 (High Mass)
12.15

Holy Days : 7.00 - 9.00
10.30 (High Mass)
12.15
Evening : 9.30

First Fridays : 7.00 - 8.00-11.30
Evening : 9.30

Week Days : 7.00 - 7.30
Thursdays: 4.00 P.M.

Confessions :

Before and during masses,
Eve of Holy Days and Feasts :during
Office Hours.

Baptism :

Anytime by appointment.

Marriages :

A month's notice is required.
For a mixed marriage : six weeks.
Bring your baptismal and confirma-
tion certificates.

Sick Calls :

At any time.
Please notify us of illness in your
house.
A priest will be glad to call and
bring Holy Communion.

Special Meeting and Communion :

Days :

St-John the Baptist Society :1st
Sunday of the month after last
mass.
Holy Name Society : 2nd Sunday
after 9.00 mass.
Holy Family Society ! 2nd Sunday
after High Mass.
Knights of Columbus : 4th Sunday
after 9.00 mass.

Rectory Office Hours

9.30 to 11.30 A.M.
3.00 to 5.00 P.M.
7.00 to 9.00 P.M.

Mission Clergy:

Rev. J. Horace Labranche S.J.
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Rev. Albert Burns S.J. Curate
Rev. Leon Lajoie S.J. Curate
Rev. J. Leandre Plante S.J. curate
Rev. Henri Béchard S.J. Vice-Pos-
tulator for the cause of Kateri, is
here on week ends only.

High Masses and other announcements
for the Church Bulletin should be in
the Rectory no later than Wednesday
noon for the coming issue on Sunday.

Jean Bédard *ltee*

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