

FIVE-MINUTE SERMONS FOR EARLY MASSES

By the Paulist Fathers. Preached in their Church of St. Paul the Apostle, Fifty-ninth Street and Ninth Avenue, New York City.

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.

In a couple of days, brethren, your thoughts will be lifted up to heaven by celebrating the feast of All Saints. You will prepare yourselves beforehand, I hope, fasting on the eve of the feast, as much as your health or your labor will allow; some will take occasion to make a good confession, that on the morning of the feast they may taste the first fruits of the tree of eternal life in Holy Communion. And all, let us hope, will bear Mass that day.

The Church does well to thus introduce us into heaven, at least in spirit. She leads us to Jordan's banks and says, "Look over there, children, and behold that goodly land, how green the sun, how smiling the fertile vale; taste these ripe fruits, lucid, nourishing; that land and its fruits are yours. But, a short journey more, a few days in this weary desert, and you'll pass over and be happy forever." And indeed it is no hard matter for the Catholic religion to get us to think of heaven, and to have a well grounded certitude of obtaining it, for her dogmas are of a kind to give the soul a foretaste of Paradise. They rest the mind with the certainty and the fulness of the truth. "Now, there remaineth a rest for the people of God," says St. Paul; meaning the bliss of heaven; but the solid conviction of a reasonable religion, of having both an earthly and revealed truth, the knowledge of God the Father in Christ Jesus our Lord, with the light of the Holy Spirit—oh, how good a comfort all this! For really earnest men or women membership in a divinely organized society such as the Catholic Church, which has a life and a voice in the world and which constantly battles with error and vice, is an essential requisite for solid happiness.

I call it membership; but that is a feeble word, just as society is a feeble word. The fact is that by being Catholics we have those divine gifts of grace imparted to our souls by means of which our joy even in this life are raised to a heavenly degree of purity, far above the natural joys at their very best; our intelligence is enlightened with a heavenly infusion of the wisdom of the Spirit of God. This is ours because we are really children of God, and heirs, consequently, of His Divine glory and happiness.

This character of sonship of God gives such a value to the good works of a Christian that we may merit and purchase heaven. This is the reason why St. Paul so often calls the Holy Spirit the Spirit of Promise, the pledge of our inheritance, the surety of our reward. To be a Christian means to possess the Divine guarantee of a happy death, and the company of the angels and saints in the perfect vision of God forever in heaven.

How very silly, therefore, my brethren, are we when we listen to the evil spirit tempting us to mortal sin. "Can you give me," we might as well say, "anything to take the place of eternal happiness? You ask me to indulge an animal passion, and for how long? If it were for an age, it would but degrade me the more, but it is only for a short delirium of lust or intemperance, and thereby to risk the loss of eternal happiness. You wish me to glut my hatred by injuring my neighbor, or my greed by dishonest dealing, and how long shall I enjoy the result? Away with you, you lying fiend! Heaven lasts forever, and I am not going to give it up for a perishing and brutish joy!" Let us enter upon the joys of All Saints, brethren, with hearts overflowing with confidence in God. The regular state of our minds should be the regular state of our hearts, and we should be able to give thanks to our Heavenly Father. Do you suffer affliction? Rejoice, at least with the higher and more spiritual faculties of your soul. You will not suffer long; it will not seem a day when you look back on it as you enter the realms of everlasting glory. Are you tempted sorely? Fight bravely; be manful; you will overcome at last, and receive the crown of life with the saints and angels in heaven.

Asleep on the Railroad Track. A little child, tired of play, had followed his head on a rail and fallen asleep. The train was almost upon him when a passing stranger rushed forward and saved him from a horrible death. Perhaps you are asleep on the track, too. You are, if you are neglecting the biliousness and constipation which trouble you, in the hope that you will "come all right." Wake up, or the train will be upon you! Constipation is too often the forerunner of a general "breaking up." Dr. Hering's Pleasant Purgative Pellets will regulate your liver, stomach and bowels, and restore your system to its normal condition.

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TRICKS ON THE STAGE.

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When to natural credulity is added a somewhat easily fired imagination, spectres become facts, and clever tricks realities. "This man" remarked a prominent physician the other day to our reporter, "thinks he is sick. He is a hypo." He comes here regularly three times a week for treatment. There is absolutely nothing the matter with him, but of course every time he comes I fix him up something.

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