

CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK.

JUNE.

- 3—Pentecost or Whitsunday.
- 4—Whit-Monday.
- 5—Tuesday in Whitsun-week.
- 6—Ember Day East. Commemoration of St. Norbert.
- 2—Thursday in Whitsun-week.
- 8—Ember Day East.
- 9—Ember Day East.

BRIEFLEYS.

Father Cherrier returned from Portage la Prairie last Wednesday.

Father Gillies, of Wapella, is spending a few days at the St. Boniface Hospital for bronchitis.

Father Béliveau was at Letellier last week and at St. Joseph last Sunday to take the place of Father Campeau.

During his stay at Portage la Prairie Father Cherrier took tea on Tuesday, the 22nd, at Mr. O'Reilly's residence.

Father Guillet, O.M.I., writes that the convents and charitable Catholic institutions of Portland, Ore., are very fine.

Father Viens has made a very nice garden around the Catholic church in Portage la Prairie. He is fortunate in having Mr. and Mrs. Saunderson, lately of Manitow, to help him in improvements of the church property.

His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface was at Brandon last Sunday, blessing the new bell of the Church of St. Augustine of Canterbury, whose feast fell the day before yesterday. Mgr Langevin afterwards visited the Catholics at Souris.

Father Lacombe, O. M. I., writes, under date of April 30, that he was starting in a few days for Rome. His journey to Belgium is deferred till June, because the elections, which take place there in May, would interfere with a lecturing tour.

Father Cherrier was delighted with the hospitality extended to him by Father Viens during the University examinations at Portage la Prairie, and if he did not accept lodgings at the worthy parish priest's residence, it was because he did not like to deprive him of his only room. Everything about Father Viens' church is in apple-pie order, and many of the leading parishioners

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expressed their great satisfaction with the way the parish is administered.

Father Drummond will preach at the Immaculate Conception next Sunday evening. Subject: "The Divine Comforter."

A pleasing variety was introduced in Father Viens' Month of Mary at Portage la Prairie when Father Cherrier preached twice, on the 15th and 17th of May.

Both the teachers and pupils of Portage la Prairie who had anything to do with the University Examinations were extremely courteous to Father Cherrier and thereby greatly facilitated his work.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Philion, of Portage la Prairie, kindly entertained Father Cherrier during his stay, giving him board and the use of an elegant room in their new cottage, which was very convenient owing to its proximity to the Examination room.

His Grace Archbishop Langevin regrets that he could not accept the University's invitation to address Convocation on the 8th of next month, because on that very morning he must, according to an appointment made long ago, start for Notre Dame de Lourdes, where he will hold an ordination service on the 9th, the eve of Trinity Sunday.

THE HAPPINESS OF HEAVEN.

Preaching at St. Mary's Church on Sunday, May 20, Father Drummond anticipated the feast of the Ascension falling on the following Thursday and preached on the "Happiness of Heaven," from 1 Cor. ii. 9. Here is a summary of his sermon: A very common error was to imagine that the eternal reunion of friends was the paramount joy of heaven. No doubt we shall meet those of our friends who are saved, no doubt one of the delights of paradise will be the society of the pick of the human race and the absence of all disagreeable persons; but this is only one of the minor joys of heaven, something altogether accidental and secondary. Another common mistake is to suppose that heaven is, above all things, a state of rest. Doubtless we shall there enjoy rest from all labor, pain, worry or anxiety for the future; but rest is only a negative aspect of the heavenly life. That life is, above all, abounding in energy.

The essential happiness of heaven consists in the vision of God. We shall see Him as He is, face to face. Our intellect, strengthened by light of glory, will look upon and know clearly, though of course not comprehensively. His divine essence. Now that Essence is Truth, Beauty, Power, Goodness Infinite, and the sight of this intellectual ocean of infinitude will irradiate our minds with the most soul-satisfying knowledge. This knowledge fills the will with ecstatic love, for God is Love. Human love is perhaps the greatest motive force in this visible world; what then will be the attraction of Him from whom all that is best in human life springs, and whose Love is everlasting! With the mind ablaze and the will aflame, joy unimaginable will transport the human soul. This joy will overflow into the body, making it, after the Day of General Judgment, incorruptible and incapable of suffering, beautiful with the splendors of glory, agile with the agility of thought, subtle as the ray that traverses the hard glass.

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may or may not be chosen. If not heaven, then hell. There is no middle course of indifference. Heaven is a reward: "Then shall the Son of Man render unto every man according to his deeds" (Matt. xvi. 27). First of all, it is a reward of faith. We must believe all that Christ has taught or we shall be condemned. Therefore there is no heaven for those who make shipwreck of the faith. But heaven is especially the reward of good works: "If you love me, keep my commandments." Nothing can be more unreasonable or un-Christian than the notion that even those who lead lives of worldliness and self-indulgence will go to heaven. "From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence and the violent take it by force" (Matt. xi. 12). But, oh! how blessed is the thought of heaven to the vast multitudes whose portion is labor and suffering! To deprive them of the hope of heaven, without the shadow of a reason against this most reasonable hope, is a cruel mockery. Men who, like Count Tolstoi, preach that death ends everything, are either humbugs or maniacs. There is a heaven; both reason and faith proclaim its existence. And we must all choose between heaven and hell.

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