

FIVE MINUTE SERMON

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE THINGS THAT ARE GOD'S
Render to Caesar the things are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's.

(1) It is proper, therefore, that we pay this tribute, and there is in the first place the daily tribute of time.

(2) In the second place, there is the weekly tribute of time due to God, and that is Sunday.

(3) A further tribute of our time is demanded by God on various days throughout the year.

"GOD BLESS YOU!"

People who are polite will at least say "Thank you," when a service is done them or a favor granted or obtained for them.

GENERAL INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

RECOMMENDED AND BLESSED BY HIS HOLINESS POPE BENEDICT XV.

SCHOOL CHILDREN AND DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART

Little children were always dear to the Heart of Our Lord, were it only for the contrast which their lives presented with the lives of other people with whom He was forced to come in contact.

It is any wonder, then, that in such a welter of sin and worldly corruption He turned to little children in whom there was no guile and on whose souls sin had cast no shadow?

Nearly two thousand years have elapsed since Our Lord acted thus with little Jewish children.

Parents are primarily the source from which this information should come, but if parents are unable to impart it, or if they neglect to impart it, their replacers should be found in our schools.

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daily doings to the Sacred Heart for the prosperity and advancement of the interests of the Church to which they belong, and for the success of missions at home and in foreign countries.

Besides the Morning Offering the daily tribute of a decade of beads to their Heavenly Mother and the Monthly Communion of Reparation which they make to atone for the negligences of their elders, are practices which, if persevered in during school age, will become habits, permanent in duration and rich in value for eternity.

Naturally the establishment of the League in schools entails a certain amount of preliminary work for teachers, but it should be a welcome task to undertake it in order to spread devotion to the Sacred Heart among Catholic children.

Teachers at least have this consolation thought that on the Day of Judgment it is the Saviour who will be their judge; and it is not an encouragement for those who have been zealous during their lives in spreading this devotion among children that they have done something to make the Heart of their Judge both known and loved?

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A MOTHER'S PRAYER

Early in the last century it is related that the porter of a monastery on the banks of the Rhine was summoned to the door at an hour much later than it was usual to receive visitors.

"I wish to see a priest," he said. "Is anybody dying?" inquired the porter, lifting his lantern.

"No," was the reply—"not tonight at least. Tomorrow—who knows?"

There was something authoritative in his tone. The priest beckoned to the soldier, and quietly led him into another room.

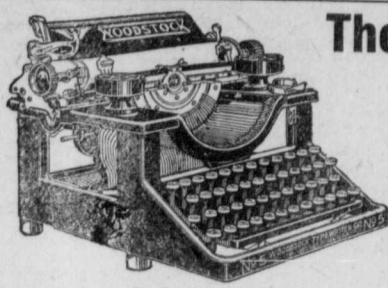
When they reappeared, after a considerable length of time, the General said: "Now, Father, it is my turn. I also wish to go to confession."

"Why for death? I asked. 'You have been through many battles—' 'I feel presentment,' he said; 'and I promised my mother that when I felt this I would go to confession.' It made me reflect. I was once more a young man of twenty-two. My mother was pleading with me to go to confession. So it was year after year, when I was in her vicinity; and so it was in her letters when I was absent. Finally about five years ago—she is still living, my poor mother—I promised that if I should ever feel a presentment of death I would make my peace with God. Until my servant came to me I had no such presentment—now I have. I have lived a wild life, but now I want to go to confession."

Twenty-four hours later the General and his servant were lying dead, side by side, on the field of carnage.—Ave Maria.

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