

FIVE MINUTE SERMON

"CHRIST ON CALVARY"

PALM SUNDAY

SERVING GOD FROM THE HEART

"Hosanna to the Son of David." (St. Matt. x. 9.)

To-day, my dear brethren, we are reminded of that hour in the life of Our Lord on earth in which He was receiving from the people of His own nation all the honour they could render Him. He then entered the chosen city of God in triumph over all who had opposed Him.

Thousands surrounded Him, went before Him and followed after Him. They paved the road before Him with their own clothing and with the branches of trees, that they might thus make His entry into Jerusalem as glorious as possible.

In a few days, when He had been arrested by His enemies, where was this great crowd? Where were those who had cried out so fervently, "Hosanna to the Son of David?" But few could there be found.

Is it impossible for us to do as they did. No; it is not impossible, for many who are Catholics born and bred do the same thing now.

But who are these? They are those who fail to keep the Ten Commandments of God and the precepts and laws of the Church. Every Catholic who breaks the Commandments of God and refuses to obey the laws of the Church does worse than those who deserted Our Lord when He was condemned and crucified.

But why are these men worse than the others? Simply because they received the graces of Christ in their baptism, in their confirmation, and in their First Communion, as well as in their many Communion thereafter.

Why do I say this? Because nothing can move their hearts to return to God. Missions, sermons, exhortations, threatenings, warnings, counsels, the prayers and entreaties of fathers, mothers, kindred, and friends are all unheeded by them.

Poor souls! Remember that whatever excuse you make to yourselves, this is true, that those who keep the Commandments and the laws of the Church show they are the true friends of Our Lord; those who do not keep these show to all in heaven and earth that they are His enemies.

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of death are upon Him; He totters, falls to the earth; and down, with a heavy crash, comes the weighty cross upon the prostrate form of Jesus Christ! Oh, behold Him, as for the third time, He embraces that earth which is sanctified and redeemed by His love! Mary rushes forward; Mary thinks her Child is dead; she thinks that terrible cross must have crushed Him into the earth.

She rushes forward; but with rude and barbarous words the woman is flung aside. The cross is lifted up and placed on the shoulders of Simon of Cyrene; and with blows and blasphemies, the Saviour of the world is obliged to rise from that earth, and, worn with the sorrows and afflictions of death, faces the rugged steep on the summit of which is the place destined for His crucifixion.

He stretches His tender limbs, puts forth His hands, and stretches out His feet at their order. The executioners take the nails and the hammer, and they kneel upon His hands till they bring the palms to where they made the holes to fit the nails.

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not one of the Pharisees or doctors of the law had the courage to argue with Him. His reputation for power was such that the Pharisees all said: "This man speaks and preaches, not as the Pharisees, but as one having power." Christ had sacrificed and given up His reputation for sanctity, for He was crucified as a blasphemer and a teacher of evil.

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PRESIDENT SUSPENDER

NONE SO EASY

and practical of fulfillment. Enter no bar room. Pass by the drinking companionship. Make no proclamation; but if need be, let your deed speak for you. Seek positive help also; as for instance daily prayer in behalf of firmness of purpose.

AN ELOQUENT TEMPERANCE SERMON

Considerable comment has been going the rounds of the secular press in reference to the circular issued by the Bartender's Union of Chicago, appealing to its members to become total abstainers and warning them that the bartender who drinks is just as likely to become a drunkard as the "guy in front who pays for it."

CATHOLIC DOCTRINE ON DRUNKENNESS

Here is the doctrine of the Catholic Church on the subject of drunkenness. It is so clear, in such accord with common sense, that it requires no explanation. A simple statement will suffice:

1. Whosoever drinks deliberately to such an extent as to lose his reason commits a mortal sin.

2. Whosoever knows by past experience that when drunk he is accustomed to blaspheme or utter other improper language, or to injure others about him, besides the sin of drunkenness, is guilty of those other crimes committed during the state of intoxication.

3. Whosoever does not adopt the proper means for the correction of his vicious habit of drunkenness remains in a continual state of sin.

4. Whosoever entices or urges another to excess in drinking, whom he foresees will be intoxicated, commits a mortal sin.

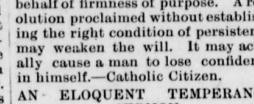
5. Any seller of liquor who continues to supply drink to any individual that he knows will become intoxicated thereby commits a mortal sin, because he deliberately co-operates in the grievous sin of another.

6. Whosoever is guilty of excess in drinking, though not to intoxication, in such a way as to cause distress to his family by squandering that which is needed for their support commits a mortal sin.

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