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#### FIVE MINUTE SERMON

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

#### GRATITUDE

"There is no one found to return, and give glory to God, but this stranger." (St. Luke xvii, 18.) On a certain occasion, as this day's Gospel tells, Our Divine Lord cured ten lepers. Of the ten who were cured, only one expressed his grati-

This incident in the life of our Saviour shows us how common is the sin of ingratitude.

the sin of ingratitude. Are we not frequently guilty of this mean sin? God gives us our health as he restored it to the lepers. Do we thank Him for it?

Do we thank Him for it? He gives us every day countless gifts and blessings. Everything we have and everything that we are, we receive from God. He gives us our good home, our plentiful food, our happy hearts and our glorious coun-try. Do we thank Him for all His Do we thank Him for all His try. gifts, or like the nine lepers do we act as if there were no God?

Good Christians endeavor to be thankful to God at all times. They thank Him in the morning, they thank Him at night. They thank Him at their meals, they thank Him in time of trials and afflictions for the grace to bear them with patience. Above all do they thank Him when He comes into their hearts in Holy Communion.

Although ingratitude is so common, there is no virtue more beauti ful, more ennobling than the virtue of gratitude. It is closely allied to justice. If a person grants us a favor our first impulse is a desire to return the benefit or at least to be thankful for it. Why then do we not consider the multitude of Divine favors and deal with God in a similar manner?

It is a beautiful custom of the civil authorities of our country to set aside one day every year for the purpose of recalling all God's bless-ings and thanking Him for them.

To the Catholic every day is a day of thanksgiving. Hence the day of of thanksgiving. Hence the tay of national thanksgiving is in perfect agreement with Catholic thought and Catholic feeling. We Catholics who live in this free We catholics who live in this free

country have special reasons for giv-ing thanks. While the Church is persecuted in most of the countries of the world, here we live as free men. Yes. From the time of Herod in Judea and Nero in Rome to the wicked infidels of modern France the hand of the cruel persecutor has ever been raised against the Church

of God. Founder of the Catholic The Church was persecuted. Persecution seems to be a characteristic mark of the true religion of Christ. "The world shall hate and persecute you."

In this country, however, with the exception of an occasional outburst from some seeker after notoriety, the Church is comparatively untrammel-led. Hence she is making rapid strides in wealth, numbers and esteem.

Our gratitude to God for all these favors should be unbounded. Let us thank Him for all blessings. Let us pray for a continuation of the peace prosperity and happiness of our country. Let us pray, too, for the greater blessings of faith and love, that all may with one will and one heart fulfill the law of God.

#### TEMPERANCE

DRINKING AND TURKEY-TROT-TING

keep's face, and bottles of goods on keep's face, and bottles of goods on ice; the poor man's club is a place designed to brighten our darkened lives, and send us home, when we're halfway blind, in humor to beat our wives. So hey for the wicker demi-john, and the free-lunch brand of grub! We'll wassail hold till the break of dawn, we friends of the poor man's club! It's here we bar-ter our bits of news in our sweat-stained hand-me-downs; it's here we stained hand-me-downs; it's here we swallow the children's shoes, and the housewives' hats and gowns. It's here we mortgage the house and FLY lot, the horse, and the nuley cow; the poor man's club is a cheerful spot, so open a bottle now! From brimming glasses we'll blow the foam till the midnight hour arrives, when we'll gayly journey the long way home and merrily beat our

wives. We earn our dimes like the

horse or ox, we toil like the fabled

steer, and then we journey a dozen blocks to blow in the dimes for beer.

While the women work at the wash-ing-tub to add to our scanty hoard,

we happily meet at the poor man's club, where never a soul is bored.

We recklessly squander our minted brawn, and the club house owner

thrives; and we'll homeward go at the break of dawn and joyously beat

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Not a very pleasing picture that. endeavor to expunge God from our But there are many poor men, thank God for it, who have no use for the lives. Yet even Goldwin Smith could say in the year 1900, in the Contemporary Review, that Philosophy could barely explain the nature and cer-

tainly could explain never the origin of conscience. At least Christianity and the Churches have reason on their side when they admit Revelation to be at least the surest light to the conscience, for, as the Bishop says, it is no benefit to mankind to make them know their duty, unless it is also given to them to have power to fulfil it, and this is precisely what the Christian Revelation does, and it is also certain that man's conscience

ground, the same being to the effect, that a natural law of "mine and thine," or property, is at the root of all matters into which conscience en-

is the result of another man's labor, and which owing to that man's labor is invested with some of the personality of the real owner. According to the fantastic doctrine of these scien-

tists, the personality of the original owner remains forever to upbraid the personality of the guilty possessor and far from there being any spirit ual idea of conscience in man, it is only fear, arising from a sense of possible punishment to come, that noves him to restitution, or atonement, or else to an affectation of grief for having wronged a fellow creature.

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## THE CATHOLIC RECORD

Catholicity, the epic begins; it would need more authors than are fabled of the works of Homer to give us all its history and romance.' Mr. Whelan takes up the arts one by one, and triumphantly vindicates his thesis in regard to them. "The more one thinks," is one of his judg-ments, "the more does Catholicism

ments, "the more does Catholisism prove to hold a monopoly of the means of culture." And again: "Although there is civilization out-side the pale of Catholicism, it is an overflow from the riches of her treasure bouse "-words upon which our people and others may well reflect and reflect again.

#### DISINTEGRATION OF THE SECTS

We have frequently called atten tion to the disintegrations of Protest ant sects as dead branches of Christianity, which is not only impending but being rapidly accomplished at the present time.

In this connection it is well to note the fact that the rule among these denominations is an empty church on Sundays. Thus the Presbyterian Church in the United States is falling off rapidly in membership, as is shown beyond question by the thousands of empty pulpits and empty

churches. This defection is not confined to America, but extends to Great Britain.

Thus the London Universe calls attention to an equally menacing condition of the dissenting bodies in from the decay of worship in any of the churches, however attenuated be Great Britain, where, if the present rate of decline continues, Nonconits creed. A loss of religion affects all formity will be only a memory in 1950. In 1907 the aggregate mem power and prestige of the churches in the world. And so it is not pleasbership of the Baptist, Congregation-al, Primitive Methodist and Wesleyan Methodist denominatians in England ant to read the following confession of Sir W. R. Nicoll, published by him and Wales (as given by a Nonconformin the British Weekly: "It seems as if at the present moment all the ist in a recent issue of the Morning Post) was 1,713,674. In 1912 this churches, established and non-contotal had declined by 51,205, an averformist were losing rather than winning. This year for the first time, the Presbyterian Church of age yearly loss of more than 10,000. In the same period the decline in Sunday school attendance was 98,-

England reports a decrease. For the 788. first time since the disruption the great church of Scotland has made the same acknowledgment. The at-In this connection it is interesting to note the records of the Primitive Methodists in England. In 1900 tendance at public worship have in they had 606,477 "hearers" in 4,250 many cases become very small. A well-known Wesleyan Methodist minchapels, the increase in their number of hearers was only 213. The explan-ation of this anomaly is simple enough. While there is plenty of ister who preaches in many chapels reports that the forenoon attendance enough. While there is plenty of money for the building of churches averages one-sixth of the sitting accommodation, and I have not seen and chapels there is a woeful desid-eratum of the timber needed to conhis reckoning challenged. There is one exception, and only one. The worshippers in the Catholic Church struct and strengthen spiritual edi fices, without which the material edifice is but a hollow mockery. No rapidly, it seems, than the memberless than 2,500 new churches were built by Nonconformists during the first decade of the century, providing but we accept his statement of the increase of worshippers in our 1,000,000; additional sittings at a total expenditure of about 50,000,000; yet side by side with this remarkable material expansion, the record of church membership shows a rapid and persistent spiritual decline. The day does not seem far distant

when indifferentism shall rob the Protestant churches of their membership and all who profess definite Christianity will be within the fold of the Catholic Church .-- Intermoun-

tain Catholic.

THE INFIDELS

Why do infidel movements obtain such influence in countries which the Church has had all to herself? This is a question frequently put, both by



haps form a new sect or join them-selves to the adherents of some sect from which neither varieties of be-lief, nor even unbelief, need keep them out, provided they would utter some sort of empty formula. The unbelievers of the United States are to be found amongst the 50,000,000 who belong to no church. The infidelity of France and Spain and Italy and Portugal manifests itself strongly because it has, in the predominant re ligion of its country an uncomprom ising force to deal with. If the Cath olic Church in those countries were subdivided into hundreds of sects, and if the rebels against religious

authority had such a choice of sects, such a possibility of religious vagaries and such a fertility for the growing of new theories at their disposal they would expand their powers of intellectual variation less viciously and less harmfully, and go through life as nominal adherents of som Church, whilst they had no faith in any. Opposed to a Church which is the same yesterday, to day and for-ever, they become infidels, instead of neretics.-Casket.

DECAY OF WORSHIP

No Christian has anything to gain

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churches and have no doubt that,

with few exceptions, they are mem-bers of the Catholic Church. We are

not likely to have large numbers of

strangers in attendance, except per-

haps on the occasion of some special

celebration or sermon.- Liverpool

TRIBUTE TO OUR BLESSED

STATEMON SEASO

Virgin have of late years become so

common as no longer to attract espe-

other sects are much less given to

eulogies of the most blessed among

women. Occasionally, however, the sheer justice of Catholic devotion to

the Mother of Christ impels them to

utter some such sentiment as the following from Bishop Moore of the

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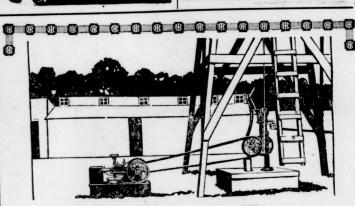
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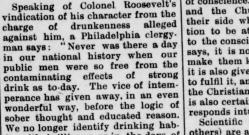


## Once Upon a Time

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ONCE there was really no way out of it for the farmer. Plodding home from the field with his team at close of day, he saw before him the waiting small jobs about the house, barn, and yard, jobs that took time and labor, and never seemed to end. There was water to be pumped, wood to be sawed, various machines to be run by hand. But that was once upon a time. Today he lets the engine do the work. Every 1 H C engine is economical, simple, sturdy and reliable. Whether you want it for sawing, pumping, spraying, electric light plant, for running separator, or repair shop, or for all sorts of tiresome energy-wasting small farm jobs, you have need of an

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its with brilliancy, as in the days of Poe and Webster, nor expect orator or author to excel when in a state of semi-intoxication. On the contrary, sobriety is demanded now of every one who ministers to the higher

THE RULE OF CONSCIENCE

necessities of man."

Discussing, in a Catholic Truth publication, the question of con-science, the Bishop of Clifton, Dr. Brownlow, says that modern philosophers have tried to persuade us that it is a kind of twist in the mind of untutored man-a kind of pernicious interference with the natural freedom of his actions, and a hindrance to his happiness and progress. Others, says the Bishop, identify it with a man's self-will, and when they wish to assert the right of every man to do just as he likes, they pretend that they are vindicating the rights of conscience.

Despite what is called "the public conscience," conscience properly comprehended is a personal, indivithe dual thing, and cannot be held in common with others, as in, for instance (in its proper meaning) the moral sense. Thomas Aquinas points out that it has nothing in common with such qualities of the mind (Greek suke, meaning also soul) as memory, understanding, will ; neith-er is it a virtue, or habit, though its dictates are founded on an habitual sense of right and wrong. Conscience (says St. Thomas) is an act-a practical dictate, judging that this particular act is right or wrong; not only does it judge of the present and of the future, but it also judges of the past; it belongs to me, and to no one else; and yet there is something about it that is not me, for it often goes against my inclinations, passions and even my will. the growth of an organism and is hardly to be differentiated from the natural physical phenomenon based on some recondite theory of self. CATHOLICISM AND CULTURE the growth of an organism and is is a question frequently put, both by Catholics and Protestants. The truth is, that the Catholic Church never yet had any country all to herself, not even in the days when there was no Christian body separate from the Catholic Church. In every age, and in every country, since the first cen-tury, the Church has had to contend with heresies and with unbelievers.

and its dangerous allure-TEMPERANCE NOTES Speaking of Colonel Roosevelt's vindication of his character from the harge of drunkenness alleged

responds intuitively to it. Scientific men (like Haeckel and others) are accustomed to "explain" conscience on a purely physiological

ters when an infraction of this law takes place. Thus, a man steals what

The same expounders of theories as to conscience go so far as to declare that there is in nature which each man who wrongs a fel-

for action in the ratio of the wrong done. This is what has been termed 'mathematical conscience," and has been treated of in the sort of works which declare so authoritatively that man is the result of the fortuitous coming together of what is termed "colloidal slime" by some and by others a "plasmodium," or protoplasm. Conscience, according to such theorists, has grown up very much in the same way as electrical effects result from

It is significant how closely liquor selling is connected with evils of the worst kind. Writing of the vicious dance halls of New York, the Register of that city says : "It is a familiar sight to see fresh

and sweet-looking young girls, scarcely more than sixteen years of and even my will. age in appearance, flocking with their escorts into the dance halls and cabarets during the evening, there to indulge in detestable gyra tions which would make an Indian blush for shame. Between numbers the young women, many of whom undoubtedly come from good and respectable homes, sip liquors with their companions, to become a little more abandoned in their movements during the next 'trot,' under the I ought to do many things in opposistimulus of the alcohol. tion to the name of Jesus of Naza-reth." (Acts xxvi. 9.)

The sale of spirituous refreshment in such a place is usually en-couraged by raising the price of soft drinks beyond that of the intoxicating beverages. The outcome of such modes of pleasure can easily be foreseen.

No establishment where dancing is allowed should be permitted to sell liquor. The evil of such places has always been felt, though it is making itself particularly conspicuous since the advent of the animal dances. Dance halls should also be forbidden the privilege of issuing return checks to patrons who wish to refresh themselves outside, an expedient employed in the lower class resorts. With such restriction in force the profits of these places would be reduced to such an extent that many of the halls would be abandoned. Wholesale debauching of the young would cease to be a popular and thriving industry.'

"THE POOR MAN'S CLUB "

religion, he is bound by his con-science's dictate to investigate the claim of the Catholic Church to be Walt Mason, who writes in prose form some excellent verse, is no be liever in the saloon as "a poor man's club," as some of its defenders have called it. Walt writes as follows in the true one, and when he finally comes to know the truth, he is equ-Collier's:

poor man's club is a genial place, if the poor man has the price; there's a balmy smile on the bar-'The

As a consequence of its liability to err we owe certain duties to our con-

science. As it is the most direct and immediate guide of our conduct, we

must always obey our conscience since to go against conscience is always a sin, always providing that

what we take to be conscience is really conscience and not the dictate

of one's passions or one's own inter-

est. Properly understood (i. e., in its

moral sense) it is in the words of St. Bonaventure, "the herald of God and

Catholics, for instance, know that

there is only one true religion in the world, namely, that of the Catholic Church. As long as one who is not

a Catholic holds our Church to be

justified accordingly as he is sincere,

in avoiding the Church. Yet if his

speculation in religious matters should lead him to doubt of his own

detestable and abominable," he is

His messenger."

Conscience, says the Bishop, is not A writer in the London Tabletconfined to Catholics, or Christians, one who knows whereof he speaks, and who has rare power of expresor Jews. The heathen is not without this witness to God ; and no matter sion-sets himself the task of develwho he is, the conscience of man re oping as a text a statement of Hil-aire Belloc's to the effect that " all fers to a judgment to come. Despite its overwhelming voice, it is, howmodern culture is practically, in ever, not infallible. It may become perverted by habits of sin, by the itself or in its origin, Catholic." Tablet writer is Bernard Wheelan. pervertee by nabits of sin, by the adoption of false principles, by wilful rejection of Truth. Even St. Paul was tried in the fire, and confessed : "I myself was, indeed, persuaded that He goes on to say :

"If with fully awakened eyes, we view the cultivated world in the past or in the present, we shall discover the humanizing influences of Catholicism everywhere at work. Among these influences not the least in the cultivation of the liberal arts; indeed, in the ordinary worldly sense they are, I suppose, considered the main producers of what is called culture. If we take this point of view to-day, we shall see Catholicism instigating encouraging and protect-ing them always and everywhere She took up the torch dropped from the hands of exhausted civilizations, and she has borne it since, to light the arduous ways of those who practice the greater arts. "Those who study literature or

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painting or sculpture or music, or he inclusive art of architecture, have to learn their lessons in the Catholic school. Let them, in their perversities, alter certain externals; the inward spirit, which is Catholic, must remain, or the work is dead to us. with our inevitably Christianized perceptions. By no subterfuge can Catholicity be escaped in our civiliz ation; she is a kind of Hound of Heaven. The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire would be a pamphlet to the book that should describe the rise, the struggles, and the triumphs of Catholic Arts throughout the variety and vigor of their mani-

ally bound in conscience to acknowl-edge it and submit to it. The effort of modern philosophy has been to dissociate God from con-science, and this is the result of the

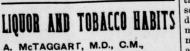
This question which is put as a posen now, to-day might have been addressed to Saint Augustine in his day and to

other great Fathers of the Church in their day. They might have been asked, why is not the Church obeyed directed my early steps." here where she has full control for

a century, two, three, four centuries? Why did Arius succeed in deluding hosts of men? And Nestorius, and Eutyches and Pelagius? And a score of others? Why did false religions

arise when men still lived and preached who had met and talked with St. John and St. Paul? The answer that must have been given then is the answer that must be given now. Man's will is free; an's spirit is proud; man's flesh is weak; and in every century since the apostles went forth, and even in their day, the will and the pride and the flesh of men have risen up in rebellion. In countries in which no heretical form of Christianity has furnished an outlet for the disposition to resist religious authority this restlessness has broken out in the shape of infidelity and unbelief The secret societies of the Catholic countries receive the energies of the

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We forgive Brother Moore his use of "Romanist" because of the sanity of the context.—Ave Maria.

#### NEW YORK JUDGE ON PUBLIC SCHOOL

Some very severe things were recently said by Magistrate House, of New York, about the Public school system. The magistrate had before him two school boys, one by the name of Schwartz and the other by the name of Benjamin. Benjamin accused the Schwartz boy of having stolen some hats from him while he was delivering same for his employer On questioning Benjamin about the nature of the oath he was about to take, the magistrate discovered that the eleven year old boy had not learned that it was wrong to tell a lie. There upon the magistrate said to the defendant :

"Schwartz, you ought to be very thankful for the inefficient Public school system of this city for your discharge. Certainly it is a sad commentary on the system when a boy nearly twelve years old is unable to answer the question I've asked. Nowadays the teacher takes

cigar box, plugs a hole in one end of it, fills it with sand, then puts a marble in the sand and asks the pupils to guess when the marble will drop out of the hole. The time doing that might well be taken up in a little ethical instruction. We spend \$40,000,000 a year in public instruc-

tion, and here's a specimen." Assistant District Attorney Dickinson suggested that Benjamin might I H C Oil and Gas Engine

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