

Calendar for May, 1905.

Moon's Phase. New Moon 4d., 9h., 50m. a.m. First Quarter 12d., 0b., 46m. a.m. Full Moon 18d., 3h., 36m. p.m. Last Quarter 25d., 8h., 50m. p.m.

Table with columns: Day of Week, Sun Rises, Sun Sets, Moon Rises, Moon Sets, High Water, Low Water. Rows for days of the month.

All Stuffed Up

That's the condition of many sufferers from catarrh, especially in the morning. Great difficulty is experienced in clearing the head and throat.

No wonder catarrh causes headache, impairs the taste, smell and hearing, pollutes the breath, deranges the stomach and affects the appetite.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Cures catarrh—it soothes and strengthens the mucous membrane and builds up the whole system.

worthy. The pagans of our villages have observed them while they were among us, studying their solitary lives, so contrary to our mode of living, and never have they seen in them any sign of weakness.

The Soul's Easter.

My soul was dead in sin, and knew The horror of the grave; My friends with eyes unseeing passed,

Nor stretched a hand to save, But through the universal chill There fell one sunlit ray;

'Twas hope, and 'neath its kindling warmth I dared once more to pray.

I felt the Blood of Christ pour forth As on dark Calvary's day;

The darkness denser grew, and lo! The stone was rolled away.

'Twas Easter Day o'er all the world, For Christ the Lord was risen,— 'Twas Easter, for my shriven soul Through Christ had fled its prison— Are Maria.

Ordination of Chinese Priests.

(Vicariate Apostolic of S. E. China, Hsien-tai, March 20, 1905.

For his first ordination of priests Bishop Maquet, S. J., chose the feast of St. Joseph, the special patron of China.

As at all the great feasts of the year, the Christians came from twenty-five to thirty-five miles to hear Mass, to receive Holy Communion and to assist at the ordination of five young priests.

You can have no idea of the crowd that assembled in the church at 8 o'clock, when the ceremony commenced.

The feast was as imposing as any I have ever seen in Europe. The assemblage was less brilliant, to be sure; simple presents for the most part, in their workaday clothes—all their wardrobe contained—but no one minded that.

One thing also attracted the attention, namely, the crowd of Christians, both men and women, kneeling on their simple mats, or even on the earthen floor.

In that posture, I may add, they remained more than three and a half hours, occasionally resting themselves by sitting on their heels.

One picture of the early ages of the church, when the Bishops ordained those who were to fill up the ranks depleted by the bloody edicts of the emperor. When I saw these future priests prostrate in the sanctuary, I said to myself: "These are the relatives of martyrs, and even the youngest of them may one day celebrate the glories of a father, a mother, a sister or a brother."

The bishop and the priests who assisted him are, as it were, in the catacombs, the survivors of the persecutions, for they had withstood the Boxer siege for more than three months, expecting each day to have their rampart battered down, as were those of Father Mangin, S. J., and his two thousand Christians.

The little ones had climbed the steps of the sanctuary, some of them hanging on to the altar railing, their wondering eyes following with attention all that was going on. To look at them one would believe that they understood what was taking place between the Bishop and the superior of the mission, who was acting as archdeacon.

"The holy Church asks you to raise these holy deacons to the rank of the priesthood."

"Do you know them to be worthy?" asks the Bishop.

Father Superior answers unhesitatingly. He has every guarantee that human prudence can afford. He has been for years with those young men before him. They have been under his observation in college during their Chinese studies, and later in the seminary.

Before admitting them to the sacred orders which will bind them for life he has sent them out to a district to act as catechists or teachers in the schools. He therefore answers in a firm tone, dwelling on each word:

"As far as it is permitted for human weakness to know anything, I know and I testify that they are worthy."

The whole assembly, the little ones clinging to the altar railing, the fathers and mothers clinging to the back of the church, are prepared to give the answer of the superior: "Yes, Right Rev. Bishop, they are worthy."

When in Church.

IT IS THE CORRECT THING Always to be in time for Mass and other services in the church.

To take holy water upon entering the church.

To make the sign of the cross on the person and not in the air.

To genuflect on the right knee and to have it touch the floor.

To remember that the King of kings is present on the altar, and to order one's conduct accordingly.

To avoid whispering, laughing, and looking about in church.

To walk gently up the aisle if one is unavoidably detained until after the service has begun.

To make a short act of adoration on benched knees after entering the pew.

To be devout and recollected at the different parts of the Mass.

To remember that mere bodily presence in the church, with the mind wandering to temporal concerns, does not fulfil the precept of hearing Mass.

To pay attention to the sermon, and make it the subject of one's thoughts during the day, as during the week.

To remember when special collections are to be taken up, and to have a contribution ready in your hand.

To give the usual offering every Sunday.

To teach children to make a little offering every Sunday.

To listen to the music as a means of elevating the heart to God.

For all persons occupying a pew to move in when others wish to enter.

To avoid coughing, moving the feet around, or making any noise to the annoyance of clergy and people.

To leave babies at home or with a neighbor when going to church.

For a mother who has a child with her at church to get up and take it out when it begins to cry or fret.

To be punctilious in following the ceremonial of the church, standing, kneeling, etc., at the proper times.

For non-Catholics who go to Catholic churches to conform to the services, and to remember that this is a requirement of good breeding.

For Catholics to keep away from Protestant services.

For members of the choir to sing for the glory of God and not for their own.

To take an earnest Protestant to bear a good sermon.

To remain kneeling until the last prayers have been said and the priest has retired to the sacristy.

The Correct Thing for Catholics: Ecclesiastics and others who are in a position to judge of the state of religion in France continue to discuss the question whether the clergy will receive sufficient support from the people when the Concordat has been done away with.

Father Boyle, C. M., President of the Irish College, Paris, points out in the "Irish Ecclesiastical Record" that, as the amount of the annual budget for worship is about forty million francs, and the Catholic population of France is over thirty-eight millions, it would cost the country a voluntary offering of little more than a franc per head to make up the necessary sum.

But multitudes of the Catholics are merely nominal adherents of the Church, and it is clear that the organization of rural France must be changed. Small parishes must be united and served from some central point.

Father Boyle is hopeful as to the future in the event of separation between Church and State. In his opinion the clergy, no longer bondsmen, will feel that they must be self-reliant. The Catholics who have contributed so liberally to charities at home and abroad will rally round them. As in Switzerland, committees will be formed to collect, under episcopal sanction for the maintenance of religion. Father Boyle's forecast is that there will be a period of severe trial for the Church in France, followed by a new era of life and energy.

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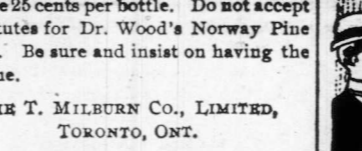
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