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Our Saviour made this parable embrace all classes of men, and it truthfully depicts to us how men have been and are affected spiritually. It has nothing to do their temporal welfare, but relates solely to the good of their souls and their forthcoming reward. This kind of a Gospel is needed in our times. We are living in an age when men's minds are turned more toward temporals than spirituals— or, at least, when they are loath to sacrifice the things of body for the benefits of soul. In many the material has supplanted the spiritual; nay, many have never known either the spiritual or its demands. The offspring of the many practical pagans of the present time are in most cases pagans themselves through life. Nay it is even diffi-cult to hold many who have been born and reared more fortunately. The lure of the pleasures of this life claims many of them. They consider the Church's voice gruff and her commands foolish. The enemy of their salvation has many means at his command by which he can lead them away—'he cometh and taketh the word out of their-heart, lest believing they should be

For Christians, therefore, the work of conservation-or, as it is commonly called, perseverance to the end—should be one of the foremost things in their minds and one of the principal ends of their spiritual endeavors. And, needless to say, it requires a rational effort on itual endeavors. And, needless to say, it requires a rational effort on the part of man. He should not blindly and vainly expect to be given this all-important gift. The work of salvation in a person who has the use of reason requires the most fixed and firm intention as well as meritorious acts. We must not perform our spiritual duties forgetfully or mechanically. They must be guided by our intention, as the modern vehicle is guided by the hand that steers without christ. Wherefore, after Calvary, is the Holy Mass, where the Priest, Victim and Purpose are the same, Christ, Our Redeemer, offering Himself for the sins of the world.

Why is it, then, so many of us where the Priest, victim and Purpose are the same, Christ, Our Redeemer, offering Himself for the sins of the world. by the hand that steers know so little about the Mass? Go God's desire is that we fully into any church while the Divine realize why He has put us upon

alas! they are still far away. Sin blights, it weakens, it blinds. It inflicts, moreover, a wound on the soul from which it is difficult to their hats or fumble with their if we touch, poison us to such an extent that we scarcely ever completely recover from the effects.
Satan and grievous sin are the poisonous spiritual growths which, if we place curselves in contact if the place curselves in contact thin self when he goes. Occasionwith them, will often poison us for life, or at least leave us so weakened that a relapse is easy. People often seem to forget that some things carry in their train effects that are inevitable, or so nearly inevitable that only a special intervention on the part of God could prevent them. Fire is sure to burn, for it is its nature to do so. No one can deprive it of this quality. Sin has effects that will inevitably follow; the more serious the sin the more terrible the effect. He who is seriously burned has but a slight chance for life; and in like manner is seriously burned has but a slight chance for life; and in like manner he who has sinned grievously finds it difficult to free himself from the effects of his act. The words of Holy Writ, "he who loves the danger shall perish in it," express the truth concisely for us.

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When Catholics consider this truth, they necessarily must see that they must not expose themselves to all the temptation that is rampant in the world. Satan is dancing at many a scene that a shameless element furthers and a lax society permits. If Catholics do all that civil laws permit, there is no chance for their salvation. Yet there are many who believe they are justified in doing whatever the State permits. But they who do so are following the devil. He who thinks that he can indulge in certain things which the law tolerates is placing his salvation at stake. The Church alone is the Catholic's guide. He who is deaf to her commands and exhortations, even when she forbids things that other churches permit, will never be among those in whose hearts the word of God takes deep root.

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No matter how fervent the Chris
No matter how fervent the Chris-No matter how fervent the Christian, nor how strong his faith, this truth of the necessity of perseverance ever should be before him. Many have fallen, who once were pure and good and faithful, because they had become careless about their salvation. Some have thought that it would be easy to return, but the contents of her pocket book to her interested neighbor. This one has a new coat and is showing that it would be easy to return, but the lining of it, while that one just Sin received a ring and is holding it at a . It measurable distance before the recover. He who plays with Satan watch chain; they clasp their has ever afterwards a strong inclination to return to his hove. There are some plants in the world which, the doors and aisles and await impatiently the end of the ceremony for the signal to make a hasty get-

with them, will often poison us for ally you might see a prayer book in

fests in their spiritual welfare are made known in the commands she gives and in the prohibitions she establishes. Behind them all is not only the wisdom of an experienced guardian, but also the light of the Holy Ghost and the infallible truth of God. Christ's words, "he who hears you, hears Me," are as true

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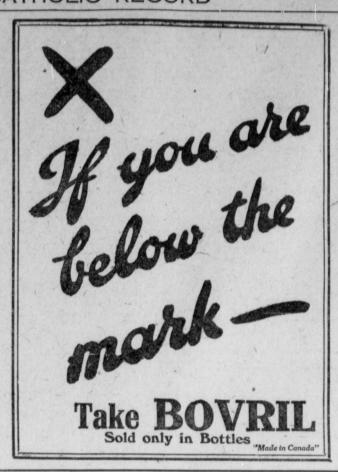
first place, with the various ceremonies, their order, significance and importance; and, secondly, to suggest to our consideration the kind of prayers to be employed in the course of the action. The Mass is offered for four ends, viz.; to adore God, to satisfy His justice for the sins of mankind. to thank Him for all graces and blessings and to beseech Him for public and personal

Hence it is important to know when the priest is making adoration to the Supreme Being, when he is beseeching Him for favors, when he is thanking Him and satisfying His offended Majesty. One cannot possibly perform these various duties in an intelligent manner without complete familiarity with the Divine Service. The various movements of the priest are meaningless in so far as we are con-cerned unless we understand what each motion means, what the various tones of voice intend, what the different postures of the body signify. Frequent use of the Missal alone will supply this information. An occasional sermon on the Mass delivered from the altar will not leave an impression of sufficient depth to be of any

lasting advantage. When the Mass is understood perfectly then recourse may be had to mental prayer or to the beads. Then you can follow the priest intelligently and your prayers will have a meaning. But you must learn the Mass first; then you may assist at it in the way that best appeals to you.

It has often been said that the Church conducts its liturgy in an unknown language to keep the people purposely in ignorance of what is being done. Such an assertion is farthest from the truth. The Church deplores the want of intelligence on the part of the lattre executing in the case of the laity, especially in the case of the administration of the Sacraments and the celebration of the Divine liturgy. She wants a well instructed laity, who know their holy religion and can give a good account of it to themselves and to others. She has authorized the translation of the various prayers, eeremonies, and rubrics that com-pose the liturgy printed in the vernacular tongue of every country and she wants the faithful to make use of these books and become better acquainted with the holy offices. These books are for sale in all Catholic book stores. Your pastor will be "glad to give you whatever information you may But procure a Mass Book, bring it to church with you, follow then possess a real value for you and you will be enabled to assist at





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