

FIVE MINUTE SERMON

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THE CHURCH OUR GUIDE

"The seed is the word of God; and they by the wayside are they that bear it; then the devil cometh and taketh the word out of their hearts, lest believing they should be saved." Luke vii 16.

Today the Church puts before the people for their edification, Christ's parable of the sower and the seed. Our Saviour made this parable embrace all classes of men, and it truthfully depicts to us how men have been and are effected spiritually.

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ASSISTANCE AT MASS

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is a representation and mystical continuation and repetition of Calvary. We believe it to be the chief glory and object of Church liturgy.

Why is it, then, so many of us know so little about the Mass? Go into any church while the Divine Service is going on and observe the vast congregation filling to overflowing the capacity of the House of God.

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 have become careless about their salvation.

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The Church's vigilance over her children and the interests she manifests 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

count of the Masses heard. When she thought she had heard the promised number of Masses she opened the bag, but—to her horror, of the many beans she had placed within it, but a single one was there. She was much alarmed at this, and confided the matter to a priest, who put a few questions to her, as to what she had done on the way to church, and with what devotion she had assisted at the Masses. It was discovered that on the way to church she had gossiped with others about the faults of her neighbors, whilst during Mass she had hardly ever thought of Divine things. But one Mass alone was profitable to her of the many she had heard.

It would seem most advantageous to assist at Mass with a prayer book, to familiarize ourselves in the 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 favors.

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 concerned 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 deprecates the want of intelligence on the part 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, ceremonies, and rubrics that compose 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 desire. But procure a Mass Book, bring it to church with you, follow the ceremonies intelligently and edify those about you by your piety and devotion at the greatest of Christian functions. The Mass will then possess a real value for you and you will be enabled to assist at it with greater profit and devotion. —Catholic Transcript.

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The estimated increase in the consumption of tea in 1924 over 1923 has amounted to over 39 million pounds. An increase in production of only seventeen million pounds during the same period has resulted in tea prices advancing in primary markets from ten to fourteen cents per pound since last summer. The price to the consumer today is on the basis of much lower primary costs, so a general increase to tea drinkers is inevitable in the near future.

Jesus is enclosed in the tabernacle, that we may always find Him.—Golden Sands.

As one wishes to avoid being criticised, let him not criticise others. It is difficult to realize that to criticise originally meant to praise, and that when one spoke of criticising a poem, a picture or a piece of music he meant that he was going to pick out its excellencies and dwell on them and enjoy them and hold them up for admiration. Now one means that he is going to search for the flaws and ridicule them. Like many of our good old families, the word has sadly degenerated.

The story is likewise told of an aged peasant woman who, in order to obtain a special favor from God, made a promise to hear a certain number of Masses during the year. She kept her promise and attended Mass every day, rain or shine. On returning home she was wont to put a bean in a little bag, so as to keep

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