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First Friday.

This is the last First Friday of this year at school. Go to confession today so that you will be sure of an opportunity for Holy Communion tomorrow.

Adoration for Your Mother.

Offer the First Friday Adoration tomorrow for your mother and you will feel better on Sunday. You can make note of it at the bottom of the list on the card.

If Your Mother is In Heaven...

Heaven is dearer to you now, as Joyce Kilmer discovered when his little girl died; you can send your spiritual bouquet to your father, who will be drawn closer to you by the invisible bond.

Defense Against Temptation.

A clerical correspondent offers the following valuable bit from Father Faber:

"...But how are we to overcome temptations? Cheerfulness is the first thing, cheerfulness the second, cheerfulness the third. The devil is chained. He can bark but he cannot bite unless we go up to him and let him do so. The power of temptation is in the fainting of our own hearts. Confidence in God is another spiritual weapon, the more potent, because no one can have confidence in God who has not the completest diffidence of himself. God's cause is ours; for temptation is more really the devil's wrath against God Who has punished him, than against us whom he only envies. Our ruin is important to him only as it is a blow to God's glory.

"Thus God is bound to us, as it were, as it is for His sake that we are persecuted. We may be sure, indeed we know infallibly, that we shall never be tried beyond our strength. Prayer, especially ejaculatory prayer, is another means of victory, together with mortification and the frequenting of the Sacraments, which are all of them wells of supernatural fortitude."

Beating the Devil in Russia.