Beginning this Sunday the Church wants all of Her children to give more attention to the Passion of Our Blessed Saviour. To aid us center our thoughts on the sufferings of Christ and to draw our attention away from other holy persons, the crucifixes and statues in our churches will be covered with purple veils.

During the first four weeks of Lent Mother Church directed our hearts to the forty-day fast of Christ. Now for the next two weeks She wants us to consider prayerfully the Passion and Sufferings Christ underwent for our salvation. (The long Gospel of the Passion is not read until next Sunday, which is called Palm Sunday.)

On Pushing Up To The Rail.

A football coach never sends a halfback into the game cold, unless an emergency turns up. He warms him up first. He tells him to run up and down the sidelines to loosen up his joints and muscles. A baseball coach would lose his job if he sent a pitcher into a game without the usual preliminary limbering up.

An athlete may do well without a warming up, but the chances are all against his playing in the best of form. It is somewhat the same with Holy Communion. There ought to be proper preparation for its reception.

When one approaches the Communion rail, he knows in some fashion that something wonderful will take place in his soul as soon as Christ enters into his body by means of the Sacred Host. What too many Catholics forget is that Christ will give a greater supply of grace and strength to the soul that is "warmed up" by means of fervent prayer.

When Holy Communion is received outside of Mass, there ought to be at least a five or six minute-period of preparation. This time can be spent in acts of love, faith, contrition. One can make up these acts of prayer himself, or he may seek the aid of a prayerbook.

When frequent communicants do not improve it is often because they do not warm up properly before approaching the Communion rail. Are you without guilt?

Want Happiness In Marriage?

"If you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes, in your country, assemble every evening to recite the Rosary." Pope Pius IX.

"The fathers and mothers of families particularly must give an example to their children, especially when at sunset they gather together...and recite the Holy Rosary on bended knees...This is a beautiful and salutary custom, from which certainly there cannot but be derived tranquility and abundance of heavenly gifts for the household." Pope Pius XI.

"You may be sure that in so doing (in reciting the daily family Rosary) you are insuring the success of your future family life." Pope Pius XII - to newly wed couples.

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