Tomorrow, The Blessing of Candles

Tomorrow is the Feast of the Purification, or Candlemas Day. In general, it commemorates 3 events:

1) The Purification of Mary;
2) The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple;
3) The meeting of Jesus with the aged Simeon and his wife, Anna.

Here at Notre Dame, there will be a Missa Cantata in Sacred Heart Church at 7 a.m. The Mass will be preceded by the blessing of candles, and a brief procession in the church. The Student Choir will chant the Mass.

It is the custom of the faithful of the parish on Candlemas Day to procure blessed candles to keep in their homes for use whenever the sacraments are administered -- for example, Viaticum, or Extreme Unction.

Tomorrow's Indulgence

Tomorrow, you may gain a Plenary Indulgence as often as (Toties-Quoties) you visit a church (not a chapel) built in honor of the Blessed Virgin, and offer six Paters, Aves and Glorias for the intentions of the Holy Father. Confession and Communion are required within the Octave -- should you fail to receive on the feast itself.

Please Note Well

For a Toties-Quoties indulgence, six Paters, Aves, and Glorias are required, when praying for the intentions of the Holy Father. In other indulgences, each prayer need be said only once. The Bulletin did not make this point clear earlier when listing the Marian Year Indulgences and the requirements to gain them.

So far as we know, a trip to a South Bend church is required to gain this indulgence. No church or chapel on campus meets the requirements, i.e., "built in honor of the Blessed Virgin." Chapels suffice only in mission country.

Blessing Of Throats On Wednesday

Wednesday is the feast of St. Blaise -- known and venerated throughout the world for his assistance to those afflicted with diseases of the throat. Through his intercession, we ask God to deliver us from all such afflictions. Hence, have your throat blessed on Wednesday in your own hall chapel at the times designated by your rector. Off-Campus students, etc., please note the additional facilities:

12:30 -- 1 p.m. ........... Dillon and Cavanaugh Chapels
6:30 -- 7 p.m. ........... Dillon and Cavanaugh Chapels

Just Arrived...

Leaflets containing the Pope's Prayer for the Marian Year, and a list of the Indulgences for the Marian Year. You'll find the leaflets at the pamphlet racks on campus, and in the Dillon chapel vestibule. Make the most of these riches.

Prayers Requested

Deceased: mother of Brother Francis de Paul, CSC; uncle of M. DeRoeer, '53; the son of Patrick J. Guggin, '30; the grandmother, and uncle of two students. Ill: father of Paul Davis (Off-Campus). 3 Sp. Intentions.