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Palms will be blessed at the 9 o'clock Mass. And the ceremonies at this Mass will hold a deeper meaning for you if you follow them with your new Holy Week Missal. The liturgy will be carried out in all its solemnity here at Notre Dame -- a most fitting introduction to the proper observance of Holy Week. Without a missal you'll be lost.

This Sunday at the 9 o'clock Mass, the story of the Passion of Our Lord, according to St. Matthew, will be chanted. The characters in the drama will include Our Lord, St. Peter, the narrator of the story, and the Jewish mob.

Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem will be enacted by a procession through the church. The participants will carry palms as the choir chants the refrain of Our Lord's friends, and our own praises: "Hosannah to the Son of David. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord!"

You'll miss an important chapter in your education at Notre Dame, if you do not take in this event. It may be the only opportunity you will ever have to observe the chanting of the Passion -- a throwback to the Miracle Plays of the Middle Ages.

Because of the length of this ceremony and Mass, the 10:15 Mass will be omitted in Sacred Heart Church. Instead, several halls will have a Mass at a time posted by the rector. Watch your hall bulletin board for verification of the Mass and the hour.

And This Is Important:

Turn your clocks up one hour before you retire tomorrow evening. Sunday we start Daylight-Saving Time. Sunday Masses will, of course, follow the new time.

Today: Feast Of The Sorrowful Mother

This is the Feast of the Seven Dolors, a day for recalling how much the Mother of God suffered in her role as Co-Redemptrix of the human race. We recall the prophecy of old Simeon in the temple -- on the occasion of the Purification -- when he foretold a sword of seven sorrows would pierce her heart. This morning at Mass, you read the Stabat Mater from your missal, depicting one phase of the grief that was her lot. One can hardly recall the Crucifixion without observing the broken-hearted mother there at the foot of the cross, and recalling that she was as brave as she was sad. It is good to recall that she has an infinite compassion for us, especially the sinners. You might even want to observe the occasion in a fitting manner by attending the Novena in her honor, tonight at 6:45 in Sacred Heart Church. If you do, you will be in tune with the season and the feast. And you'll be doing yourself a big favor.

Your Easter Duty!!

If you haven't -- or if you know of anyone who hasn't -- fulfilled this obligation up to this point (Confession and Communion), don't put it off any longer. Remember that good example, like bad example, is contagious. Those who go encourage others to go. The timid will relish the support of the marching hundreds. What's more, you'll feel better -- and it will be much safer for you to travel in the state of grace.

Don't Forget the Bengal Bouts, tonight and tomorrow evening in the fieldhouse. It's a great show of fun, and courage, and loyalty to Notre Dame men -- the best and the bravest that ever came out of this school. Buy a ticket as a Lenten alms, whether you see the show or not. A "Buck" for Bengal is your chance to help them.