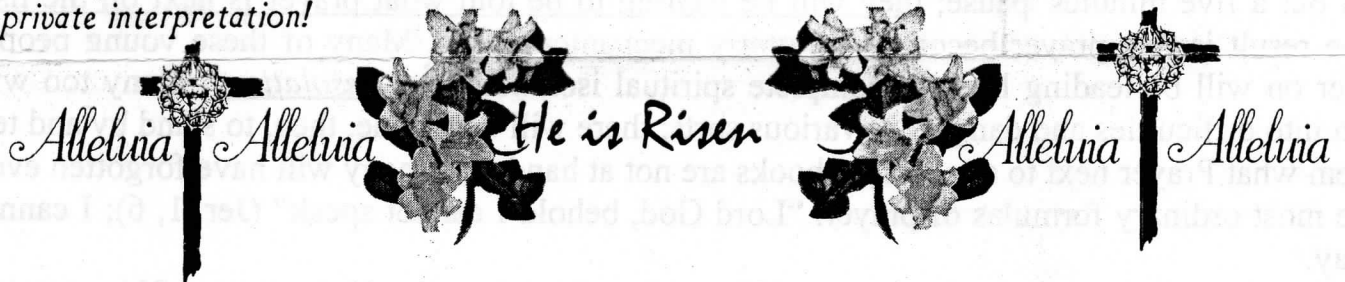


OF MORTAL SIN

The first step in carrying out the Will of God is to avoid mortal sin, thus, the **DECISION** to avoid mortal sin is vital to the spiritual life. Where there is a habit of mortal sin **WHICH ONE DOES NOT INTEND TO GIVE UP**, there is no spiritual life and the soul of such a one is dead. If a man is in that state, he has urgent need of making a good confession and of making the decision to fight manfully against his bad habits. The fight may not be easy; he may, perhaps, even fall again and again; but he must be resolutely determined that even if he falls down again, **HE WILL NOT STAY DOWN**, and he must follow out that determination grimly. The argument that since he continues to fall again and again, what is the good of going to confession, is simply not a valid or sensible argument. The argument that the confession of the same sin over and over again is embarrassing and boring is not a convincing argument. If a person is the source of one's sin and the cause of one's sin, then one must decide between that person and God. If a place is the source of one's sin and the cause of one's sin, then one must decide between that place and God. If a thing is the source of one's sin, and the cause of one's sin, then one must decide between that thing and God! It is quite impossible to possess both. Mortal sin must be regarded as the greatest possible evil - one to be avoided at all or any cost. On this point there can be no compromise. An offense against God is an offense against God, and no human speculation or analysis can change the fact that **GOD MUST NEVER BE OFFENDED!!** Neither can any human agency or tribunal remove sinfulness from an offense which God has preordained to be sinful and offensive. The law of God is unchangeable, and its application is not open to anyone's private interpretation!



1. There will be Catechism Class this morning.
2. **Please — we shall continue to remind you to do some spiritual reading DAILY — this is really important!**
3. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels. **LET US ALSO PRAY FOR EVERYONE.** Let us pray for ALL the priests and religious men and women of the world. **NO MAN, WOMAN, OR CHILD SHOULD BE LEFT OUT OF OUR PRAYER**
4. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)
 - SUNDAY: For the People of our Chapels
 - MONDAY: Welfare of Father Hector Bolduc
 - TUESDAY: Dec. Joseph Haase
 - WEDNESDAY: Special Int. Linda Mader
 - THURSDAY: Dec. Robert Baker
 - FRIDAY: Dec. Sister Mary Michelle R.S.M.
 - SATURDAY: For the Poor Souls

A Thought To Remember ...

Works in themselves do not give honor to God. Only the genuine and honest spirit and enduring love of the heart that prompt good works, give merit to them.

Jesus, in the Gospel, clearly censures the unfaithworthy works of piety and penance which are falsely performed for the sake of ostentation.