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to His Excellency

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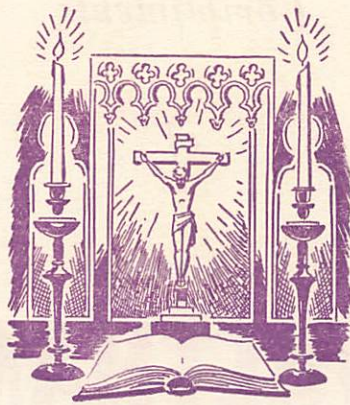
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to be sent, and He shall be the Expectation of
nations."

*—Messianic Prophecy in
Genesis, XLIX, 10*



OUR BELOVED ARCHBISHOP'S TENTH ANNIVERSARY AS SHEPHERD OF OUR FLOCK

Prompted by love and devotion for the Arch-Pastor of the great Archdiocese of Boston and of our little parish of Saint Casimir in Maynard, we read and re-read with utmost pride the following excerpt from **Our Sunday Visitor**:

"We congratulate Archbishop Richard J. Cushing on his tenth anniversary as shepherd of the great Archdiocese of Boston. During those years he has opened 50 new parishes, and 21 other parishes are building new churches. He has confirmed thousands of children, consecrated nine bishops, and ordained over 600 men to the sacred priesthood. He has blessed 50 new schools and 3 new colleges and opened 2 new hospitals. His seminary is now the largest in the United States. Six times he personally has led the faithful of his Archdiocese to old-world shrines of religion. Seventeen different orders of priests and brothers and 27 orders of women have been invited to Boston and helped to start new foundations there. He has opened 3 community centers and 12 new nursing homes and residences.

Just past 58, the Archbishop is still in his prime. A native Bostonian, he completed all his priestly studies in Boston, and was ordained, 1921, in the Boston Cathedral by the late Cardinal O'Connell. After a year's experience as assistant in a parish, he was put into the Boston office for the Propagation of the Faith, eventually succeeding to the post held by the late Bishop James Walsh, co-founder of Maryknoll. In 1938 he was consecrated Auxiliary Bishop to the Cardinal and in 1944 he succeeded to the See.

Of all the virtues of the catechism one thinks most of zeal in connection with Archbishop Cushing. The finest example of an American prelate, he moves among his people, he gets things done. He has that assurance born of greatness that enables him to be democratic without fear of losing face or dignity."

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—*Messianic Prophecy in
Isaias, VIII, 14*



THE PASTOR'S PAGE

On December 8, 1953 His Holiness Pope Pius XII publicly and jubilantly declared the ensuing twelve months to be in a special manner dedicated to the Mother of God in memory of the Papal definition and proclamation of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception.

Undoubtedly these months have been months of true and sincere dedication of the Catholic world to the Immaculately Conceived Virgin Mary. If only one were able to gather into one book all the special manifestations of love exhibited to Mary in this period of time! What a truly inspirational narrative of Faith and Love this would be!

But most important to us, in each individual case, is the manner in which we have observed this year of signal grace. Did we go out of our way to show Mary by our deeds, by our words, by our thoughts that we love her? Did we strive to get closer to her by wiping out sin in our soul? After all, that is the acid test of the success of the Marian Year as far as we are concerned. That is indeed the norm and the measure of the success of every day of our life and, in fact, of our entire life upon this earth.

If the Marian Year was a year of grace for us, then we are fortunate indeed. If we have allowed it to slip away almost unheeded or even neglected, let us strive immediately to make amends to our Blessed Mother. Let us, as if in early post-script to the Marian Year, return to her with all the faith and devotion of the prodigal son. And we can be sure that Mary will forget our shortcomings. She will remember only that we are the brothers of her Divine Son Jesus Christ and she will draw us affectionately under the mantle of her maternal Love.

Our Parish, by the grace of Almighty God, observed the Marian Year by several memorable exercises:

Rededicating itself under the patronage of Mary, the Parish has made the Marian Year prayer part and parcel of its public services and an ever-present prayer in individual private devotions.

Our May procession was particularly solemn and beautiful and well attended. We proudly carried the Blessed Virgin's statue through the streets of our Town. The life and drum corps from Home of the Little Flower made the occasion all the more impressive.

Our rejuvenated Holy Name Society, of which we are justly very proud and which undoubtedly will carry on an important role in the continued existence and life of our Parish, journeyed to Lowell and took part in the specially arranged Holy Name pilgrimage in honor of the Marian Year.

Our October devotions were climaxed by a Holy Mission conducted for us by the able and zealous Father Joseph Piszczalka, M.S.

The parish made an impressive group pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of La Salette in Attleboro on November 7. About 140 parishioners took part in ceremonies there which they will never forget.

And finally — as the Marian Year came to an official closing on December 8, 1954, preceded by a Triduum and then a Tri-horal adoration, at midnight Holy Mass was offered in honor of Mary our Heavenly Queen.

May the fruits of the Marian Year always abide with us and bear further fruits of charity, and devotion to God and to neighbor.

"THE WORLD'S LAST CHANCE"

(Reprinted courtesy Extension Magazine, May 1954 issue)

Far in the distant future, in a fair and finer age,
A child sits leafing an ancient book, page by dusty page.
With great grave eyes, the child looks up in wonderment and awe,
Astonished and incredulous at the record there he saw.

For he'd read of the age of the atom, when man stood poised to leap
From the Craig heights of creation, to the suicidal deep.
He read how man had discovered, the secret of things that are;
He read of its profanation, in the sacrilege of war.

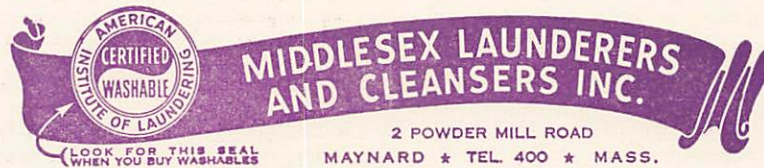
The record of ruin had unfolded, how the whole world split in two;
How each side death-dared the other, to the fatal and final coup.
And he read how a Pope, whose name was Peace, flung skyward, like a lance,
The last hope of humanity, to the Queen of the World's Last Chance.

How he prayed to the Queen of Creation, for the planet of her birth;
How he offered a year to Heaven, in exchange for Time for earth.
When the child looks again in the volume, and he turns another page;
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St. Thomas Aquinas, the Prince of Theologians, "the wisest of saints and the holiest of wise men," as Leo XIII called him, preached for 40 days in Rome on the Hail Mary.

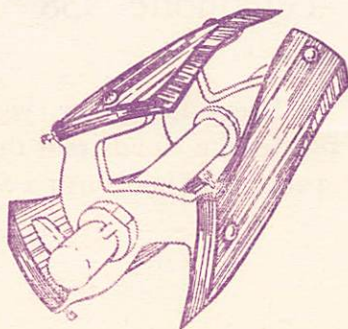
Father Suarez, the holy and learned Jesuit, declared, when dying, that he would willingly give all the many learned books he wrote, all his life's labors, for the merit of one Hail Mary.

St. Mechtilde, the chosen lover of Our Lady, was one day striving to compose a beautiful prayer in honor of God's Mother. Our Lady appeared to her, having written in golden letters across her breast, "Hail Mary, full of grace," and said: "Desist, dear child, from your labor, for no prayer you could possibly make would give me the joy and delight of the Hail Mary."

Each time we are saying the Hail Mary, we are repeating the very same words with which the Archangel St. Gabriel saluted Mary on the day of the Annunciation, when she was made Mother of God and Queen of Heaven. Oceans of graces and joys filled the soul of Mary at the moment. Now, when we say the Hail Mary, we offer anew all these graces and joys to Our Lady, and she accepts them with immense delight. In return, she gives us a share, but a great share, in these joys.

Once, Our Lord asked St. Francis to give Him something. The saint replied: "Dear Lord, I can give you nothing, for I have already given you all my love." Jesus smiled and said, "Francis, give me it all again and again. It will give me the same pleasure." So, too, with our dearest Mother. She accepts from us each time we say the Hail Mary the joys and delights she received from the words of Gabriel.

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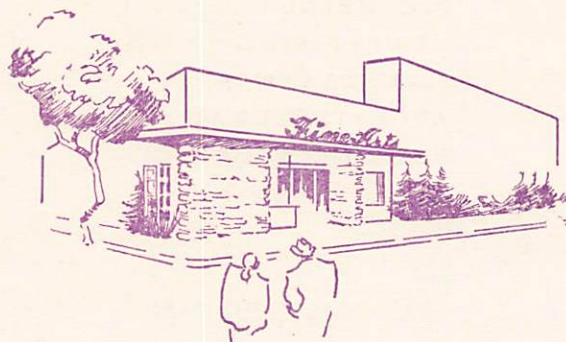
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Advent is the beginning of the new liturgical year. It is a season of spiritual preparation, marked by eager longing for the coming of the Savior through grace at Christmas, and for His second and final coming. It is also an ideal time to establish in our homes liturgical customs which will restore our children to Christ.

Time-tested and proven, these age-old Advent practices teach the doctrines of redemption and develop a generosity with God and a coordination of the family's spiritual efforts as effectively now as they did for our forebears.

Of these customs it has been said: They are a relatively simple, but highly important, means of union between altar and home. They are a media for channeling from one great spiritual reservoir, given into the Church's keeping by Christ, the living and transforming waters of grace from the Savior's fountain.

Children, who love the beauty and simplicity of family religious practices, make the traditions easy to establish. It is best to begin with one or two customs and add others in years to come. It is also highly desirable that families develop their own special customs.

Archbishop Cushing, in urging Christian parents to establish such family practices said: This is what the Church expects of you in Advent. She invites you to look through the eyes of faith, upon the world, upon the invisible growth of a land of inexhaustible riches, wherein the Sower of Life unites humanity to divinity. If during Advent we open our souls fully, the heavens will rain the Just One.

Some of these customs we shall briefly describe in the ensuing pages.

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Most popular of the Advent customs is the wreath made of evergreens, bound to a circle of wire. The wreath represents the cycles of thousands of years to Christ during which the world awaited the coming of a Redeemer. It also represents the cycle of years since then that we have been awaiting His second and final coming in glory. It bears four candles, equally spaced, three purple ones to be lighted on the "penitential" Sundays, and a pink one for **Gaudete**, the joyful Sunday in Advent. Candles may be placed inside or outside of the wreath. At the end of Advent, candles and ribbons are changed to white, evergreens renewed if necessary, and tiny Christmas balls added to decorate the wreath. The wreath, unless it sheds too much, is kept during the Christmas season, until Epiphany.

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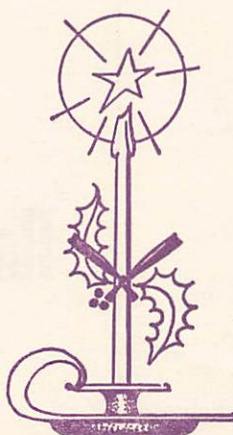
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If a non-sectarian institution can recall the memory of the dead in this striking manner, we as Catholics will not want to be outdone in recalling our own prayerful memory of the dead.

Then too we never know when we ourselves will be in need of such prayers. Young people do not like to think about death — it always seems so remote.

Yet not too long ago we all read with great sorrow about six Catholic high school students returning home from a football game. Their gaily decorated car was clipped by a crack streamliner. Six young souls in eternity, but quick.

Then there's news about a teen-aged Catholic girl who fainted and died at a football dance recently. The dance ended with 600 students kneeling on the polished dance floor saying the Rosary.

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Saint Nicholas feast day, December 6, is one of the highlights of the Advent season. On its eve the children hang out their stockings. From babyhood they learn to love the kind bishop with his mitre, staff and bag of gifts—whose name has been parodied as "Santa Claus" and whose memory is tarnished by commercialism. In addition to the toys received on this feast, the Christ Child and His angels bring other gifts on Christmas eve.

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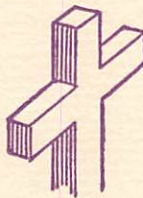
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WHO'S YOUR PATRON SAINT?

Altar Boys — St. John Berchmans
Bankers — St. Matthew
Barbers — Ss. Cosmas and Damian; St. Louis
Blind — St. Cecilia
Cab-drivers — St. Fiacre
Carpenters — St. Joseph
Catechists — St. Viator; St. Charles Borromeo; St. Robert Bellarmine
Cooks — St. Lawrence; St. Martha
Dairy Workers — St. Brigid
Dentists — St. Apollonia
Desperate Cases — St. Jude
Druggists — Ss. Cosmas and Damian; St. James the Less
Farmers — St. George; St. Isidore
Firemen — St. Florian
Fishermen — St. Andrew
Grocers — St. Michael
Hopeless Cases — St. Rita
Housewives — St. Anne
Journalists — St. Francis de Sales
Laborers — St. Isidore; St. James
Lawyers — St. Ivo; St. Genesius
Librarians — St. Eligius
Musicians — St. Cecilia



Nurses — St. Agatha; St. Camillus de Lellis; St. Alexis; St. John of God; St. Raphael
Painters — St. Luke
Physicians — St. Pantaleon; Ss. Cosmas and Damian; St. Luke; St. Raphael
Purity — St. Mary Goretti, St. Stanislaus; St. Aloysius
Plasterers — St. Bartholomew
Postal Employees — St. Gabriel
Printers — St. John of God; St. Augustine of Hippo; St. Genesius
Schoolgirls — St. Lucy
Scientists — St. Albert
Stenographers — St. Genesius
Students — St. Thomas Aquinas; St. Catherine of Alexandria
Surgeons — Ss. Cosmas and Damian
Tailors — St. Homobonus
Teachers — St. Gregory the Great; St. Catherine of Alexandria
Watchmen — St. Peter of Alcantara
Weavers — St. Paul the Hermit; St. Anastasius the Fuller; St. Anastasia
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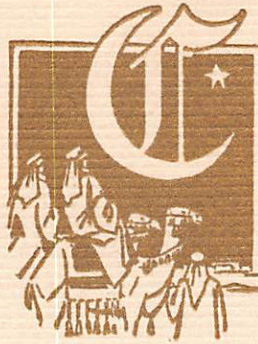
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OUR BLESSED LADY

When the snow is falling gently,
The flakes so pure and white,
I think of the soul of Mary
From the first moment of her life,
How she went about Jerusalem
A maiden sweet and mild
And that Blessed day of Christmas
When she gave birth to her Child.
And now she is in Heaven,
With her loving Son,
Looking down on us, her children,
Each and everyone.