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Mass Declared To Be Holy and Awesome Experience for Catholics

Service Recalls Last Supper With Disciples

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Catholic worship centers around a service called "Mass."

The origin of its name is lost in antiquity; apparently it is derived from the Latin word "missa" which is used to dismiss the worshippers at the end of the service.

To a non-Catholic, the Mass may seem like a meaningless ceremony. The priest stands at the altar and performs certain rites while speaking rapidly in Latin. His words and actions are punctuated by occasional responses from a choir or the congregation.

To a Catholic who knows what is taking place, the Mass is a holy and awesome experience. For Catholics believe that every celebration of the Mass is a reenactment, or more precisely, a "renewal," of Christ's sacrifice on Calvary.

Like Protestant services of Holy Communion, the Mass recalls Jesus' last supper with His disciples on the night of His betrayal. It was on this occasion that he distributed bread and wine to the disciples, telling them, "This is my body, which is broken for you."

At the moment of consecration, which is the central act of the Mass, the priest repeats these words of Christ. And at that moment, Catholics believe, the bread and wine on the altar are "transubstantiated"—this is, they become literally and actually the body and blood of Christ, though retaining the external appearance of bread and wine.

"Thus, when a person attends Mass, he is really assisting at Calvary, he is actually kneeling at the foot of the cross, he is witnessing over again the passion of the Lord," explains the Rev. John Walsh, S.J., in a recent book. When a Catholic eats one of the wafers that have been consecrated in the Mass, he is partaking of the Holy Eucharist, which is one of the seven sacraments of the church. Few non-Catholics realize that there is a distinction between the Mass and the Eucharist, but to a Catholic it is important. He is required to attend Mass at least weekly, but he may receive the Eucharist as seldom as once a year.

Before receiving the Eucharist, a Catholic must purge his conscience of mortal ("deadly") sins by making an oral confession to a priest, and performing such acts of contrition (usually the recital of prayers) as the priest may direct. This is the sacrament called "Penance."

Many non-Catholics, and perhaps some Catholics, have the notion that Catholics can go lightly to confession, and cheerfully reel off a catalog of misdeeds, receive a routine absolution from the priest, and go right out to repeat the sins.

There is no warrant for this view in Catholic teaching, which stresses that "going to confession" is a meaningless and even a sacrilegious act unless a person is genuinely repentant and firmly resolved to avoid a repetition of his sin.

Other Catholic sacraments are Baptism, Confirmation, Extreme Unction (the "Last Rites" for the dying), Holy Orders (Ordination) and Matrimony.

Catholics believe that the Mass and sacraments are channels through which God confers upon human souls a supernatural kind of help called "grace." Without such divine grace, a naturally sinful human being cannot be "sanctified"—that is, rendered holy.

In the words of Fr. Walsh, grace "rids the soul of sin, replenishes it with divine life, and endows it with the capacity to see God face to face in the next world. . . . If a man dies with it in his soul, he is infallibly saved; whereas, if he lacks it, he is infallibly lost."

When a Catholic is "excommunicated" from the church, he is cut off from the sacraments which he has been taught to regard as the only sure means of receiving grace. That is why this extreme penalty of the church's discipline is viewed so seriously by devout Catholics.

Most Protestants believe that Grace is God's free gift poured out in love, especially through the sacraments, but also in many other ways, and that no human soul who really desires it can ever be cut off from it.

Next: Catholic-Protestant frictions in America.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



City's Planning Program Reviewed by Mayor Snider

For more than three years the City of Medford has been conducting a planning program to establish blueprints for an orderly growth of a city destined to reach 50,000 by 1975, Mayor John Snider told Rotarians here Tuesday.

Speaking at a luncheon meeting at the Rogue Valley Country Club, Mayor Snider pointed out that from these studies would emerge land use maps, zoning ordinances and other positive guides designed to guarantee the livability every citizen desires. Air pollution will continue to be a major problem, the speaker emphasized, and it remains to be seen if local industry and agriculture could solve this problem on a voluntary basis.

The time will come, the mayor warned, when Medford's abundant supply of mountain spring water will have to be "diluted" with water from Rogue river to meet the requirements of expanding population.

It is currently estimated that, by the end of this century, about 85 per cent of a U.S. population ranging upwards from 300 million will be city dwellers. At that time one out of every eight persons living in this country will live in Oregon, Washington and California, Mayor Snider said.

Along with air pollution, and water problems will come those of traffic congestion, recreation and the blight at the core of cities which are spilling over artificial boundaries into crowded, unplanned concentrations, he said.

Because of the immediate capital outlay for schools, streets, sewers, police and fire protection and other services, cities today face the odd dilemma of bankruptcy instead of reaping wealth from the future.

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Air Force Waste In Flying Pay Said To Be \$183 Million

Washington—UPI—The Air Force will waste \$183 million this year by having nearly 27,000 officers qualify for unnecessary flight pay, government bookkeepers charge.

Unless regulations are changed, the General Accounting Office said, almost 27,000 officers will receive flight pay although they are either "excess" to stated Air Force requirements or don't need flying skills in their posts.

The Air Force replied that in accordance with a Congressional order limiting the flying force to not more than 70,820, it suspended the flight status of 728 officers last Nov. 4.

Gen. White Excused
Gen. Thomas D. White, the Air Force chief of staff, was one of 45 officers excused from flying last May 12 under a law providing flight pay without actually flying—for officers with 20 years of flight status.

The GAO, Congress' watchdog over government spending, said that in addition to \$71 million doled out for flight pay during the year ending June 30, the Air Force also would spend \$112 million for maintenance and operating costs involved in qualifying them for the pay.

The report said that more than 10,000 of the officers now getting flight pay aren't needed for flying. It said that if they weren't allowed to qualify for flight pay, it would save

the government more than \$42 million yearly in operating and maintenance costs, not counting the pay itself.

In addition to that, the report said that another 17,000 positions require flying proficiency but the duties involved didn't appear to "need current flying skills."

Another \$70 million in operating expenses could be saved if flight requirements were eliminated from these jobs, the auditors said.

The GAO said that in addition to wasting money, the officers were wasting their time qualifying for the pay.

Agricultural Advisor To Nepal To Speak

Leonard Hudson, who has just returned from four years as agricultural advisor to Nepal, will speak at the annual Federal Land Bank association meeting Friday noon in the Gold Hill Grange hall.

Lunch will be served at noon and the talk and movies of Hudson's experiences will be shown at 1 p.m. Nepal is located along the northeastern land route between China and India and adjacent to Tibet.

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Wall Street Chatter

New York—UPI—Joseph E. Granville of E. F. Hutton & Co., says the current overall market upswing is not in technical danger of final termination "until sometime during the March to May time period."

Stating that the rally is based on growing confidence in the new administration's ability to check and reverse the business recession, Granville feels this kind of confidence won't be shaken or changed until the nation has a chance to see if new measures undertaken will be successful.

Thus, the analyst argues, any near-term reactionary phase should be seen as another buying opportunity.

The Shields Survey says Frisch's Restaurants, Muncie and Niagara Mohawk Power are three situations which currently intrigue its analysts. The survey says these issues have absolutely nothing in common except an offer of promise for long-term capital gains and good investment income at the same time.

Thomson & McKinnon says issues which currently warrant buyer favor are Eastman-Kodak, RCA, Western Union, Warner-Lambert, Richardson-Merrell, American Chicle, GM, Republic Steel and St. Joseph Lead.

Five Men Enlist In Marine Corps

Five local men were enlisted in the Marine Corps during the month of January, according to the local recruiting office. They were Jimmie L. Burg, Butte Falls star route, Butte Falls; Raymond A. Huckaba, Butte Falls star route, Eagle Point; Leland M. Johnson, 1737 Biddle rd., Medford; Lee R. Shelton, rt. 2, box 605, Central Point, and Robert L. Smart, 46 Granite st., Ashland.

These five men, in addition to three others from neighboring counties made the local station tops in the state in recruiting competition. The local station has been the top station since August, 1960. It is manned by Gunnery Sergeant Joe Lemieux and Staff Sergeant Stan Elbie.

Kennedy's Political Affiliation Makes Him Popular in Britain

By HARRY FERGUSON
London—UPI—During a recent visit to the United States this correspondent found himself besieged by a lady wearing full war paint and armed with a king-size martini.

"What I want to know," she said, "is what do the British think about President Kennedy, is Tony Armstrong-Jones popular over there and is Princess Margaret pregnant?"

The lady had one well-manicured hand on the pulse of America, because the same questions in one form or another were asked in the Midwest, the South, New England and New York City. An omnibus question invites generalized replies and that is pretty much what the lady got. In this order:

Kennedy Popular
Kennedy—Yes, he is popular in Britain for many of the same reasons he is popular in the United States. Women like the hair cut and the flashing smile. Serious young men are pleased that a young man has been elected president and has surrounded himself with a relatively young cabinet.

But the broad base of his popularity is not that he is John F. Kennedy, 43 years old, but that he is a Democrat. By some whim of history Britain in her blackest hours has been rescued by Democratic Presidents—Woodrow Wilson, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry Truman. A Republican President probably would have responded just as quickly to distress signals, but it is an historical fact that the British are indebted to and grateful to the Democrats.

Popular With Masses
Tony Armstrong-Jones—Yea and nay. He is extremely popular with the masses (he got a film star welcome from street crowds when he showed up for the first day on his new job). With the upper classes it's a different story. This correspondent has heard him denounced as an absent-

mined young man who made a serious mistake when he neglected to be born into a European royal family or upper-crust British aristocracy.

The story of Cinderella is supposed to be the greatest fiction plot ever invented, and such diverse talents as Horatio Alger (rags to riches) and George Bernard Shaw (Liza Doolittle of Pygmalion and My Fair Lady) have not hesitated to use it. To the British masses the career of Armstrong-Jones is a true life retelling of the story. The boy from Pimlico Road marries the beautiful princess and, his admirers hope, lives happily ever after.

Flurry of Excitement
Princess Margaret—Don't know. If she is pregnant, it is a secret held by a small circle consisting of Queen Elizabeth, Prince Philip, Armstrong-Jones, Queen Elizabeth and Queen Mother and some unidentified but eminent obstetrician. There was a flurry of excitement some weeks back when the princess appeared in a loose evening wrap, but two

nights later she confounded the prophets of motherhood by wearing a tightly belted evening gown. The one solid piece of information in the haystack of gossip and speculation came from a person close enough to the royal family to know what he is talking about. He said Margaret had told the Queen that she would prefer not to have children for the first year or two of her marriage. Later, yes, if and when it happens the news will be broken in some such announcement as this: "Her royal highness Princess Margaret, Mrs. Antony Armstrong-Jones, will not undertake any public engagements for the next several months."

The lady of the martini has been promised that if anything develops before then she will be promptly informed. And so will you.

GOP COMMITTEEMAN DIES
Washington—UPI—Perry O. Howard, 84, longtime Republican national committeeman from Mississippi, died Tuesday.



CAUGHT IN ICE GORGE—Several river barges were caught up in an ice gorge in the Mississippi river north of Cairo, Ill. Here the Havana Zephyr, out of St. Louis, is firmly lodged on the shore of the river. No cargo has been

lost and no injuries have been reported, but it has been estimated that damage to propellers and rudders would run into thousands of dollars. (UPI Telephoto)

Community Colleges To Be Workshop Subject

Corvallis—A special two-week workshop on junior-community colleges—a possibility for some Oregon cities in years to come—is scheduled as a highlight of 1961 summer term at Oregon State college. The workshop is designed to provide information about organization and administration of junior-community colleges. Dr. Franklin R. Zeran, dean of education and director of summer school said.

Bend has had a successful community-type college for some time, he pointed out, and several other communities are considering such a possibility. The workshop will be slanted particularly toward Oregon educational programs and problems, Zeran added.

The State Department of Vocational Education will cooperate with the college in sponsoring the June 19 to 30 program. Three hours graduate credit may be earned if desired.

Don P. Pence, president of the Central Oregon college, Bend, and Ernest G. Kramer, assistant chief in the California State Department of Public Instruction, will be workshop leaders. California has an extensive junior college system, Zeran pointed out.

The workshop will come during the first two weeks of OSC's summer school, which will operate this year on an experimental "full-

WISE DECISION

Pittsburgh—UPI—When a big friendly German shepherd named Checkers was enrolled for a course to become a member of the Pittsburgh Police Department's K-9 Corps, he didn't make the grade. Officers who flunked Checkers were assured of the wisdom of their decision Wednesday when they arrested a man for check forgery. Checkers was sitting proudly in the front seat of his automobile.

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