



Saint Philomena Roman Catholic Church

Traditional Catholic Latin Mass

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February – Month of the Sacred Passion

Friday, February 4

6:00 PM

First Friday – Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart

Private Intention

Sunday, February 6

2:00 PM

5th Sunday after Epiphany

RIP Ann Roberts

Sunday, February 13

2:00 PM

Septuagesima Sunday

Private Intention

Saturday, February 20

2:00 PM

Sexagesima Sunday

Landry Argabright

Sunday, February 27

2:00 PM

Quinquagesima Sunday

Private Intention

*Fr. Gabriel Lavery will be offering Mass here at St. Philomena's on Sunday, February 13th.

Prayer Before a Crucifix

Behold, O kind and most sweet Jesus, I cast myself upon my knees in Thy sight, and with the most fervent desire of my soul, I pray and beseech Thee to impress upon my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope and charity, with true repentance for my sins and a firm purpose of amendment: while with deep affection and grief of soul I ponder within myself and mentally contemplate Thy five most precious Wounds, having before my eyes the words which David, the prophet, spoke concerning Thee, O good Jesus: 'They have pierced my hands and my feet; they have numbered all my bones' (Psalm 21, 17 and 18).

The faithful, who recite this prayer devoutly before an image of Jesus Christ Crucified, may gain: An indulgence of 10 years; a plenary indulgence if, moreover, they go to confession, receive Holy Communion and pray for the intentions of the Sovereign Pontiff

Excerpts from *How to Improve Your Disposition*

By Donald F. Miller, C.S.S.R.

On Slyness

A sly person is one who practices the art of so foreseeing and arranging circumstances in which he will be involved that he will always come off better than he deserves. Ordinarily the word "sly" is not used of great criminals or great liars. It belongs most properly to those who, in the ordinary relationships of life, have a keen and far-sighted eye for their own interests and clever ways of making sure that those interests will be served. And the means they use are not openly and clearly immoral.

Here are some examples. A sly person will foresee long before there is any appearance of the fact, that someday he will be in competition with another person for some honor or preferment. As if he were solely interested in the common good, he will begin to plant in the minds of those on whom the preferment depends, seeds of doubt and mistrust of his future competitor. He will say nothing when the actual choice is about to be made; he has done his work and done it so long before that no one is likely to think he was trying to advance himself when he pointed out weaknesses in another.

A sly person will, either before or quickly after doing something wrong, take elaborate precautions to see to it that either somebody else is blamed for his wrong-doing, or that his action will appear to have been good instead of bad. He is a master at creating alibis, diverting suspicion, focusing attention on others when he needs to be forgotten.

A sly person will, by deftly planted suggestion, by indirect statement, by innocent questions, even sometimes by apparent denial, so influence the minds of others that he will receive credit and praise for what others have accomplished.

Slyness is not to be confused with sensible prudence and precaution. What makes it a mean character trait is the fact that those afflicted with it seek by crafty means to get what they do not deserve or to avoid punishment that they do deserve. Once a person has been caught using sly tricks in this way, it is most difficult either to love or to trust him.

The opposite of slyness is sincerity and candor. Nobody really dislikes a person who does wrong, admits it openly, and says frankly that he'd like to escape the consequences. Nor a person who expresses his ambitions openly and uses open and candid means of realizing them.