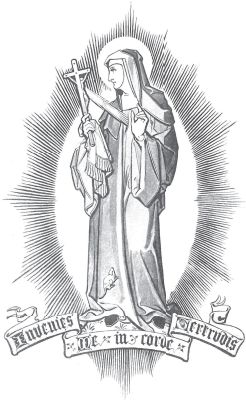


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March 23, 2014 Lent III Oculi Sunday



BLESSED IS THE WOMB THAT BORE THEE

¶ TODAY

Visit our Gift Shop after Mass to pick up some good Lenten reading. Sunday classes are at 10:40 AM. Lenten Vespers are at 4:45 PM, followed by Benediction.



¶ FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Tuesday is the Feast of the **Annunciation of Our Lady**. A Solemn Mass is sung at **11:20 AM**, followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for an afternoon of adoration, with *Vespers* at 2:30 PM, closing *Benediction* at 4:45 PM, and the final Low Mass of the day at 5:00.

¶ STATIONS OF THE CROSS



At 3:00 PM each *Wednesday* during Lent, we offer the traditional **Children's Stations of the Cross** (*adults are most welcome!*) followed by the distribution of Holy Communion.

Every *Friday* of Lent, the **Stations** are prayed at 7:30 PM, as part of our Lenten Friday evening devotions.

Lumen Christi

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament for the next fortnight for the following intention:

**Restoration of
Holy Mother Church**
(Maximilian Letón Popelka)

¶ NEXT SUNDAY – ROSE SUNDAY

Sunday classes as usual. Be sure to join us for the **"Spring into Spring" Program** after the 11:30 Mass. Refreshments will be served, and all are welcome. Instead of Vespers, Sunday evening **Compline** will be sung *after* the 5:45 PM Mass.

Set Your Missal: Lent IV, with collects of Our Lady & All Saints, and For the Living and the Dead. Preface of Lent.

"What have we Lenten pilgrims to do but pick up our own crosses and soldier on, mindful of the word's goodness, yet resistant to its entrapments, lest they divert us from the journey that leads to God."

¶ DRESS CODE REMINDER

Ladies and girls, please remember Mary-like modesty at Mass: dresses and skirts must be below the knee, and no sleeveless, "cap" sleeved, sheer or revealing tops, or skirts with slits, are to be worn in church *at any time*. Your head must be covered while in church.

Men and boys must wear a suit coat or jacket, and a tie *to Sunday and Holy Day Mass*. These basic rules of Catholic modesty show the reverence and respect that is due to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

"If you find you are fallen, do not despair, even falls are an aid to well-being. Strive after the end to which you are called with all your might, since God has supplied you with so many aids and means thereto."

— St. Ignatius

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mark your calendar NOW!

★ **First Confessions & Testing for First Communion children:**

Saturday, April 5th at 9:15 AM

★ **Girls' Camp**

Wednesday, July 9th–Friday, July 11th

★ **Boys' Camp**

Tuesday, July 22nd–Thursday, July 24th

¶ OUR SICK

Prayers, please, for H.O. Hinton, Pat Harpen, Kent Maki, Tom Payne, and all of our sick and shut in.



¶ **PRIESTS' AFTERNOON OF ADORATION**
(*You can come, too!!*)

Tuesday, March 25th, 2014 (feast of the Annunciation). **12:45 – 4:45 PM.**

Servers: MARCH 24 - 31, 2014

TUE 3/25 11:20 AM HIGH: School servers, Simpsons

FRI 3/28 5:45 PM LOW: Friday Night Servers

SAT 3/29 7:30 AM LOW: Simpsons
8:10 AM LOW: M. Briggs

SUN 3/30 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: T. Simpson,
J. Simpson ACS: P. Lawrence, L. Arlinghaus
TH: S. Arlinghaus TORCH: C. Richesson,
C. Rios, A. Soli, J. Lacy
11:30 AM LOW: P. Omlor, Nath. McClorey
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

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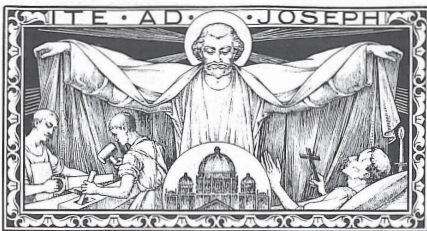
Sunday, March 16th\$3,909.00

THE ANGELIC AQUINAS ON: ADORATION AND FASTING

How are we to serve God? We must serve God both by external acts and by internal acts. We are possessed of a double nature; we are intellectual beings and sentient beings also. We should therefore offer to God a double adoration: a spiritual adoration, consisting in the interior devotion of the mind, and a bodily adoration made up of the external humiliation of the body. And since in all acts done in acknowledgment that God is God the external act depends on the internal, for the internal act is the more important; so the external acts of adoration are done for the sake of the internal adoration. That is to say, that it is by our gestures of humility that we are moved to subject ourselves to God in our inclinations and our will. This is due to our nature being what it is, for it is natural to man to proceed to things that can only be known through the intelligence from the starting point of things seen, felt, heard and known by the senses.

So, just as prayer has its origin as something in the mind, and is only in the second place expressed in words, adoration also consists, primarily and in its origin, in an internal reverence of God and only secondarily in certain bodily signs that we are humbling ourselves: such bodily signs, for example, as genuflections to show our weakness by comparison with God, or prostrations to show that we are nothing of ourselves.

March is the month of Saint Joseph



PRAYER OF ST. BERNADINE OF SIENA

Be mindful of us, O blessed Joseph, and intercede for us with thy foster-Son by the pleading of thy prayer; do thou, in like manner, render the blessed Virgin Mary thy Spouse, gracious unto us, for she is the Mother of Him, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth world without end. Amen.

An indulgence of three years. A plenary indulgence on the usual conditions, if this prayer is recited daily for a month in a spirit of devotion (Raccolta No. 475).

The faithful who before an image of St. Joseph, piously recite *Our Father*, *Hail Mary* and *Glory be*, with the invocation: *Saint Joseph, pray for me!* may gain:

An indulgence of 300 days; a plenary indulgence, if this pious practice is continued for an entire month (Raccolta No. 469).

WHEN YOU MISS ONE HOLY COMMUNION

Consider well whom you are turning aside (Christ) and what you are passing by every day you do not receive Holy Communion. Christ wants you to receive Him; He wants to do some thing for you; something you may never, or very slowly, attain by yourself.

1. You lose a charge of supernatural energy which increases your fighting power against temptation and adds greater ease in the discharge of your special duties, as student, officer, professional, parent, whatever it is.
2. You lose a chance to have your mind better guided along the line of your duty. For through every Holy Communion Christ gives lights and inspirations which aid the communicant in seeing not only his duty, but greater means of doing good.
3. You lose the opportunity of keeping spiritually "hot," or fervent in the practice of virtue. Hourly contact with the world, the flesh and the devil saps one's energy. Christ in Holy Communion revitalizes the soul.
4. You lose the special preserving influence which Christ confers against the fires of passion. Contact with the Sacred Body of Christ makes men pure. The more frequent the contact with Christ, the more pure one becomes.

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ECCE ANCILLA

Behold the Lord's handmaiden
In her dawn-gardened room,
As though some nook of Eden
Survived with its best bloom.

She stands so like a flower,
Most pleased to bow and nod
Beneath the Spirit's shower
Or to the breath of God.

The Lord's handmaid, behold her,
The rose of Sharon, blush
At what a strange wind told her
During a strange rain's rush.

— Fray Angelico Chavez



FIAT

Angels singing,
Gabriel winging
homeward, through the night.

A Tabernacle holy,
a Virgin lowly,
a Mother to become.

While Nazareth slumbered,
the months are numbered
in Mary's, "Be it done!"

— Rose Margaret Coughlin



Lent

Lent is a tree without blossom, without leaf,

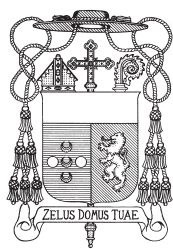
*Barer than blackthorn in its winter sleep,
All unadorned. Unlike Christmas which decrees*

*The setting-up, the dressing-up of trees,
Lent is a taking down, a stripping bare,
A starkness after all has been withdrawn
Of surplus and superfluous,
Leaving no hiding-place, only an emptiness
Between black branches, a most precious space*

*Before the leaf, before the time of flowers;
Lest we should see only the leaf, the flower,
Lest we should miss the stars.*

— Joyce Weldom-Searle

✠ THE BISHOP'S CORNER ✠



It was strange to be away for a Lenten Friday. I hope somebody made some soup. A week ago Friday I was trying to get all the way west to Baja California, near the Pacific Ocean. My early morning flight from Dayton was four hours late, however, and I only made it as far as Mexico City late that night. Whatever would we do without cell phones and Minis for rescheduling and staying in touch? La Paz is far away, but with all of our electronic gadgets the world seems almost manageable.

Of course in the supernatural world of faith, one is always at home in the Church. **Fr. Hernan** has just built a handsome new church of Christ the King outside of La Paz. Saturday evening I was hearing confessions and offering the long Ember Day Mass with a little sermon. The next morning we had High Mass with about 30 Confirmations. A mighty and unwonted wind blew in from somewhere as Mass started. Some saw it as demonic, but I thought it matched nicely the Pentecostal reality of Confirmation. We were going to have a nice tour of the bay in somebody's boat, but the high waves waved us off. Still the weather was beautiful. Did you have more snow? That evening I gave a well-attended conference on how to live as Catholics in today's world. The congregation there strikes me as enthusiastic and full of energy. Everybody belongs to the Mt. Carmel Confraternity and wears a big scapular to the weekly Saturday Mass in honor of Our Lady.

How was your St. Patrick's Day? I hate missing our celebration, but the Irish are known for spreading the faith all over the world. How better to honor this so great saint? My day turned out to be properly international, as befits a Catholic bishop today.

I offered the Mass of Ireland's patron in Mexico, using a chalice from **†Fr. Schoonbroodt**, a Belgian. After a fine Mexican breakfast (papaya! It's good for you. I had forgotten.) we headed to the airport for a flight to Mexico City. There we were met by a Chilean priest, our old friend **Fr. Mardones**, and by **Fr. Martin Gomez** of Acapulco, now Dos Rios. We had dinner at an excellent Argentinean restaurant, consuming copious quantities of meat, as is the custom in these southern countries, even in Lent! We're one of the few countries that do keep Lent and I'm happy to get back to it.

Well, it was a good priests' meeting, and we ended the day on our knees at Our Lady of Guadalupe. How beautiful, how young Our Lady looked to me as we clustered by the moving walkway to sing and pray and

consecrate ourselves to her. I remembered all of your intentions there, as also the next day at my doctor's checkup – Dr. *Jesus*, that is. He was looking quite majestic on his high throne in the newly painted and gold-leaved church, but for it all, rubicund and quite approachable. I know He will look after all of our sick.

We also visited a beautiful old shrine outside of Puebla to the Archangel Michael, marking his apparition there in 1631. How much we count on his protection. A young mother asked me to bless her little son, who cannot speak. She asked me what more she could do for him, and I told her to take him to the Little Doctor, and to pray there most sincerely, as He loves and blesses the children.

Really this whole trip was arranged to allow the visit to Dos Rios, Vera Cruz on St. Joseph's Day, because he is the patron saint of the pueblo and many people will attend, taking off from work or school. We had a full-blown visit, starting with a most colorful procession with band and canopy and confetti. I got a floral wreath as well. Everybody crowds around to greet the bishop, and we set off towards the church, following a beautifully decorated floral bier of "*Señor San José*" and the customary boys dressed as Moors with machetes. The very simple, poor and pious population is properly proud that their bishop visits and receives their traditional *Recibimiento* welcome. The Novus Ordo bishop ducked out of the last one, and the small Pius X congregation never sees theirs.

After a kind of High Mass (a new generation of cantors is being broken in), we had about 40 or 50 Confirmations down the main aisle of the church, whose beauty increases as it nears completion, thanks to the truly sacrificial giving of the people. Really most edifying. I ate a little of the "*marrano*," the roast pork, afterwards even though I really should not have. Salad, too. I seem to have survived. More meat finished the day (and almost finished me off) back in Mexico City, as we left behind us the volcano of Pico de Orizaba.

Meanwhile, I understand that our St. Joseph's Day in West Chester went very well, with 55 children in attendance, and the young Fathers conducting the recollection and celebrating the Solemn Mass. Great thanks to you who work so hard and help us to maintain our traditions and to pass the faith on to our children. How small our world is. The Mexican Fathers were talking about the role of the public schools, as well as music and TV, in robbing the children of their innocence. I'm glad we can do *something* to counter this, as well as bringing the very innocent

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✠ THE CALENDAR

All Sunday Masses, school day Masses, Friday evening and Saturday morning Masses are webcast at www.sgg.org

MON	3/24/14	ST GABRIEL, ARCHANGEL	FAST
	11:20 AM	High Mass Mary Lois Themann (<i>Katie Bischak</i>)	
	12:20 PM	Vespers	
TUE	3/25/14	ANNUNCIATION OF THE BVM	FAST
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Happy Birthday, Darlene (<i>Katie Bischak</i>)	
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Special Intention BKK (<i>G. Keaveney</i>)	
	11:20 AM	Solemn High Mass Pat Harpen (<i>Patton family</i>)	
		Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all afternoon	
	2:30 PM	Solemn Vespers of the Annunciation	
	4:45 PM	Closing Benediction	
	5:00 PM	Low Mass †Rosemary Dolan-5th Anniversary	
WED	3/26/14	FERIAL DAY	FAST
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Raymond Vesco (<i>Richesson family</i>)	
	11:20 AM	High Mass Gratitude to St. Christopher (<i>Becky Hinton</i>)	
	12:20 PM	Vespers	
	3:00 PM	Children's Stations of the Cross, distribution of Holy Communion	
	5:00 PM	Low Mass †Danny Delawder (<i>The Wilkers</i>)	
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice	
THU	3/27/14	ST JOHN DAMASCENE, CD	FAST
	6:00 AM	Low Mass Jane Donadio (<i>Rob & Jane Brockman</i>)	
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Special intention MEK (<i>G. Keaveney</i>)	
	11:20 AM	High Mass †Jack Grimes (<i>A grateful church</i>)	
	12:20 PM	Vespers	
	5:00 PM	Low Mass †Louis Arand (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze</i>)	
FRI	3/28/14	ST JOHN CAPISTRAN, C	FAST
		THE FIVE HOLY WOUNDS	
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †John Wagner (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze</i>)	
	10:55 AM	Confessions	
	11:20 AM	High Mass Honor of the Holy Ghost-for Poor Souls (<i>Frances Mattingly</i>)	
	12:20 PM	Vespers	
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary	
	5:45 PM	Low Mass †Thomas J. Keaveney (<i>Wilker family</i>)	
	6:45 PM	Lenten Pot Luck Supper (<i>please bring a dish to share</i>)	
	7:30 PM	Stations of the Cross, Candlelight meditation, Sorrowful Mother Novena (Week 7) with Blessing of the Sick, Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction, Holy Communion	
SAT	3/29/14	FERIAL DAY	FAST
	7:15 AM	Confessions	
	7:30 AM	Low Mass †Maurice Galarneau (<i>Tom & Karen Simpson</i>)	
	8:10 AM	Sermon, Low Mass Honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help-for Jenny (<i>P.T. & A.M. Omlor</i>)	

✠ THE BISHOP'S CORNER

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little ones to Jesus for First Communion. In many places, both in Mexico and here, the devil puts up many a roadblock to the design of St. Pius X, answering the appeal of Our Savior: "Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not." We had eight First Communions on St. Joseph's Day in Dos Rios. Most of the children were older, and some needed Baptism first. We look forward to our First Communions here at Pentecost this year.

Thursday marks the middle day of our Lent. Gird your loins then, and pray to do better in the last half. Friday or Wednesday Stations? The Daily Devotional? If you're reading it prayerfully, you'll want to get some "kneetime" in church this week, especially for Tuesday's Annunciation Adoration. Extra Masses? Visiting the sick, praying for the dead? TV off, nightly Rosary on? It's a long list, with endless possibilities for this, the best season of the year.

Remember Rejoicing Sunday next week, and plan to enjoy the school children's Spring into Spring with us.

St. Joseph keep you in his care,

– Bishop Dolan



✠ SUNDAY SEVEN

Seven ordinary proofs of love for the Blessed Sacrament

1. A holy reverence in the Presence of Jesus.
2. An endeavor to console Him in His loneliness.
3. Showing happiness in being with Him.
4. In no hurry to leave Him.
5. Expressing hearty interest in the affairs of His Church.
6. Appreciation, especially for recent favors.
7. Regrets that you must leave Him and promises to think of Him while away.

SUN	3/30/14	LENT IV – LAETARE SUNDAY
	7:05 AM	Rosary
	7:30 AM	Low Mass †Roseanna Cooley-8th Anniv. 3/31 (<i>Doloris Ritze</i>)
	9:00 AM	High Mass Helen LeBrun, mother (<i>Joan Landry</i>)
	10:40 AM	Sunday Catechism Classes
	11:05 AM	Rosary
	11:30 AM	Low Mass Conversion of all loved ones & members of our church families (<i>Patricia Patton</i>)
	1:00 PM	Spring into Spring program, refreshments
	5:45 PM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
	6:45 PM	Compline

be our first act of adoration after having received Holy Communion; such were the sentiments of St Elizabeth when receiving the Mother of God, who bore the Savior in her womb: "*Unde hoc mihi?*" "Whence comes to me this happiness; which I so little deserve?" Of such sort, also, were the words of the Centurion, with whom Jesus would have made His sojourn: "Lord, I am not worthy!"

Prayer of Blessed Peter Julian Eymard

O My God, I ask of Thee this day a great favor: give me the Most Blessed Virgin Adoratrix as my own Mother; let me share in her grace, in that state of uninterrupted adoration in which she was during the whole time that she bore Thee in her chaste womb, that paradise of virtue and of love. Amen.

SATURDAY IN LENT III

At Bethlehem, Mary was the first to adore her Divine Son lying in the manger. Mary adored our Lord in His hidden life at Nazareth; afterwards in His apostolic life; and, finally, on Calvary, where her adoration became intense suffering. Notice the nature of Mary's adoration. She adored our Lord according to the different states of His life; Jesus' state determined the character of her adoration – her adoration did not stay in a set groove. At one time, she adored God annihilated in her womb; at another, as poor and lowly in Bethlehem; again, as laboring at Nazareth; and later on, as evangelizing the country and converting sinners. She adored Him in His sufferings on Calvary by suffering with Him. Her adoration was always in keeping with the sentiments of her Divine Son, which were clearly revealed to her. Her love brought her into perfect conformity of thought and life with Him.

Bl. Peter's counsel: Always adore Jesus Eucharistic, but vary your adoration as the Blessed Virgin did hers. Recall to your mind all the mysteries of religion in connection with the Eucharist, so as to avoid routine. If your love is not nourished by a new form of devotion, a new thought, you will become lax in prayer. We should for this reason commemorate all the mysteries in the Eucharist.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

LAETARE SUNDAY

Behold my model, my Mother, Mary, first ador of the Incarnate Word in her womb! O how perfect must this adoration of the Virgin Mother have been; how pleasing to God, and how rich in grace!

Among Mary's acts of adoration at the moment of the Incarnation would naturally be one of *joyous gratitude* for God's ineffable and infinite goodness to man; an act of humble gratitude for His having chosen her, His unworthy handmaid, for so signal a favor. Her gratitude was voiced in fervent acts of loving praise and thanksgiving. Gratitude is an outpouring of the soul, the loving expansion of a noble soul – it is the heart of love.

O Virgin Immaculate, Mother most loving, and admirable Model of adorers of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, thou art also the dispensatrix of the graces necessary for fervent adoration! Grant us, then, we beseech thee, the virtues that will render our adoration less unworthy of thy Divine Son. Teach us to honor so well this Mystery of mysteries that we may receive here below the graces It contains, in order to enjoy in heaven the eternal life of which It is the pledge! Amen.

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Come, let us adore Him



Lent 2014

Daily meditations & prayers Third Week of Lent

*from the writings of Bl. Peter Julian Eymard
and other sources*

MONDAY IN LENT III

*Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament,
pray for us!*

Jesus left us His Mother to be the Mother and Model of adorers. According to general opinion, He left her some twenty years on earth, that we might learn from her to adore Him perfectly. What a beautiful life those twenty years spent in adoration! When we reflect upon our Lord's love for His Blessed Mother, we are lost in wonder that He consented to separate from her. But the interests of the Eucharist called for her presence. Jesus was not willing to remain alone in the Blessed Sacrament, without His Mother's Presence. He was not willing that the first hours of Eucharistic adoration should be confided to poor adorers, who knew not how to adore worthily. The Apostles, obliged to labor for the salvation of souls, could not give sufficient time to Eucharistic adoration. In spite of their love, which would have chained them to the Tabernacle, their Apostolic duties called them elsewhere. As for the newly made Christians, like unto children still in the cradle, a mother was needed to educate them, a model whom they could copy, and it was His Own Blessed Mother that Jesus left them as such.

TUESDAY IN LENT III

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

All Mary's life – taken as a whole – may be summed up in this one word: *adoration*; for adoration is the perfect service of God, and it embraces all the duties of the creature toward the Creator.

It was Mary who first adored the Incarnate Word. He was in her womb, and no one on earth knew of it. Oh! how well was our Lord

served in Mary's virginal womb! Never has He found a ciborium, a golden case more precious or purer than was Mary's womb! Mary's adoration was more pleasing to Him than that of all the Angels. The Lord "hath set His tabernacle in the sun," says the Psalmist. That sun is Mary's heart.

Let us with Mary Immaculate adore, thank, supplicate, and console the most sacred and beloved Eucharistic Heart of Jesus!

WEDNESDAY IN LENT III

The purpose of Eucharistic adoration is to offer to Jesus Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament the same divine homages he received on earth during His mortal life and still now receives in the glory of heaven. On earth, Jesus received first of all the homages of His most holy Mother. How holy and perfect were the adorations of Mary as she adored the Incarnate Word in her virginal womb, as she adored Him before everyone else at His coming into the world, into the palace of poverty, on the throne of love of the crib, wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid on the straw! Never had the Word been greater in His love, but also never had He received such sweet and tender homages.

Jesus, great God and King, I acknowledge Thy infinite rights and powers over all creatures. Even Thy Mother after being raised to the highest throne in heaven at the right hand of God bows down before Thee. With her and all the Angels and Saints I adore Thee. To Thee alone, O immortal King of the ages, be honor and glory, praise and love and benediction for ever and ever. Amen.



THURSDAY IN LENT III

The adorer at the foot of the Most Blessed Sacrament fulfills a universal and perpetual mission of prayer, continues the divine work of propitiation, offers to God a fervent and unceasing thanksgiving, adores Him with his whole being, with every being that exists, with every possible grace, and thus offers Him the most perfect homage He can receive from a creature. Zeal for the glory of God urges him to pray above all for priests, through whom Jesus Christ gives Himself anew to men; for priests who should be the light of the world, the salt of the earth, other Jesus Christs.

O Virgin Immaculate, while the Apostles went to preach the Gospel, thou didst remain close to the tabernacle, supplicating for them the goodness of the Savior, and thy prayer obtained for them the grace to convert the world! Teach us to pray, above all, to pray near the tabernacle, where Jesus wills to abide continually in order to hear our petitions. Teach us to pray for the extension of the Eucharistic kingdom, for the salvation of the whole world, for the exaltation of the Holy Church, and most especially for the sanctification of the clergy and the conversion of sinners. Amen.

FRIDAY IN LENT III

FEAST OF THE FIVE HOLY WOUNDS

In what did the perfection of the Blessed Virgin Mary's adoration consist, at the first moment of the Incarnation?

It was an adoration of *humility*, of self-annihilation before the sovereign majesty of God because, impelled by so much benevolence and love for her and all mankind, He had made choice of her, His humble handmaid, to be the Mother of the Messiah. Of such nature should