

Around his bed knelt the Fathers and Brothers of the monastery, weeping and praying.

While they were thus praying, there suddenly appeared in the room a troop of evil spirits, who came and surrounded the bed of the dying Saint. Those around him were seized with fear; he alone remained calm and tranquil.

"What do you want here?" he cried out to them. "Go away at once; Jesus Christ has redeemed me, and I cannot be lost along with you, because I have always placed in Him all my confidence."

While he was saying these words, the evil spirits vanished, and he died in peace.

There is no more certain way of overcoming this temptation of despair at the hour of death than by being very devout to Our Blessed Lady during life, for those whom Our Lady loves and protects may confidently expect to be loved by her Divine Son.

St. Bernard's Admonition

"O you, whoever you may be, who are sailing on the tempestuous waters of this life's ocean, if you want to escape shipwreck, look up to the Star of the Sea; call on Mary. When the storm of temptations rises round you, and you are on the point of being dashed against the rocks of distress, look at the Star; call on Mary. When you are tossed about by the waves of ambition or pride, call on Mary. If anger, or avarice, or impure temptations try to draw you away from God, look up at the Star; call on Mary. If the greatness of the evil you have done troubles you, or if you are terrified at the thought of the judgment that is to come upon you, and if you are beginning to sink into the gulf of despair, think of Mary. In all dangers, in all difficulties, in all doubt, think of Mary, call on Mary."

The Catechism in Examples by Rev. D. Chisholm

Each month, a Mass is offered for deceased members listed in the monthly letter as above; and another Mass is offered for all past deceased members.

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St. Francis Xavier -- Pueblo, CO

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Communion Thanksgiving: Jesus sits in our soul as on a throne of grace. St. Alphonsus di Liguori

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... in His Presence

Jesus – Total Self-giving

"He hath loved us, and hath delivered Himself for us." (Eph. v. 2)

God had conferred so many blessings on men, thereby to draw them to love Him; but these ungrateful men not only did not love Him, but they would not even acknowledge Him as their Lord.

Scarcely in one corner of the earth, in Judea, was He recognized as God by His chosen people; and by them He was more feared than loved.

He, however, who wished to be more loved than feared by us, became man like us, chose a poor, suffering, and obscure life, and a painful and ignominious death; and why? to draw our hearts to Himself.

Mystery of Love: If Jesus Christ had not redeemed us, He would not have been less great or less happy than He has always been; but He determined to procure our salvation at the cost of many labors and sufferings, as if His happiness depended on ours.

Such Excess! He might have redeemed us without suffering; but no, He willed to free us from eternal death by His own death; and though He was able to save us in a thousand

Please take and keep this letter and reflect on its contents during the month in your visits to the Blessed Sacrament and see that your heart and mind will open to His grace into knowledge and love of God, Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

ways, He chose the most humiliating and painful way of dying on the cross of pure suffering, to purchase the love of us, ungrateful worms of the earth.

Love for Us! And what indeed was the cause of His miserable birth and His most sorrowful death, if not the love He had for us?

Affections:

holy desires:

Ah, my Jesus, may that love which made Thee die for me on Calvary destroy in me all earthly affections, and consume me in the fire which Thou art come to kindle on the earth.

Contrition:

I curse a thousand times those shameful passions which cost Thee so much pain. I repent, my dear Redeemer, with all my heart for all the offences I have committed against Thee.

Aspirations:

For the future I will rather die than offend Thee; and I wish to do all that I can to please Thee. Thou hast spared nothing for my love; neither will I spare anything for Thy love.

Resolve:

Thou hast loved me without reserve; I also without reserve will love Thee. I love Thee, my only good, my love, my all.

Incarnation, Birth and Infancy of Jesus Christ by St. Alphonsus

Through The Heart of Jesus

When you come to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament look at Him and love Him even with your many faults, defects and infidelities. His love for you is very great. Ask Him to lift you to His Heart. We, as children of God, can relate to the following selections of **St. Therese's** writings on **Confidence in God** and **Spiritual Childhood**. (Ed.)

Abandonment

"I am not always faithful. I often fail to make one of those little sacrifices which give so much peace to the soul; but I do not get discouraged. Instead, I abandon myself in the arms of Jesus: I endure the trial of having less peace at that moment and try to be more watchful the next time.... O my dear Mother, how sweet is the way of love! We can fall, of course; we can commit many infidelities, but according to **St. John of the Cross**, 'love knows how to draw profit from everything and it quickly consumes whatever might have displeased Jesus.' All, then, that remains at the bottom of our hearts is a humble and profound peace."

"A glance of love cast towards Jesus and the knowledge of our profound misery makes reparation for everything." "We have only to beg pardon and all repaired by that act of love. Jesus opens His Heart to us. He forgets our infidelities and does not want to recall them. He will do even more: He will love us even better than before we committed that fault."

"I entrust my infidelities to Jesus for, in my audacious abandonment to Him, I believe that I shall in this way gain greater power over His Heart and attract more fully the love of Him who came not to call the just but the sinners."

Consider a small child who has vexed his mother by a display of bad temper or disobedience. If the child hides in a corner through fear of punishment, he feels that his mother will not forgive him. But if instead, he extends his little arms towards her and with a smile cries out: 'Love, kiss me, mamma, I will not do it again,' will not his mother press the little one to her heart with tenderness, and forget what the child has done? And yet, though she knows very well that her dear little one will misbehave again at the next opportunity, that means nothing if the child appeals to her heart. He will not be punished...."

"To take Jesus by His Heart": "It is this way that I took hold of the good Lord and that is why I shall be well received by Him."

Quotes of St. Thérèse obtained from *Complete Spiritual Doctrine of Saint Therese* by Rev. Francois Jarmart, O.C.D.

Look at Jesus in the Monstrance and see that He loves you exceedingly and presses you to His most Sacred Heart. (Ed.)

St. Therese of Lisieux was born in 1873 and died in 1897. She was canonized in 1925 by Pope Pius XI. She was declared a Doctor of the Church on 19 Oct. 1997 by pope St. John Paul II.

Frances Drives Satan Away

One day **St. Frances of Rome** was going to Holy Communion, when the Devil, envious of her happiness, said to her: "How can you, who are so full of venial sins, dare to receive the Immaculate Lamb of God?"

She instantly perceived that the enemy intended to deprive her of this great blessing, and she drove him away by spitting in his face. After this the Blessed Virgin appeared to her, and said: "My child, you have done well; your defects, instead of being an obstacle to your going to Communion, should, on the contrary, induce you to go more and more frequently, since in Holy Communion you find the remedy for all your miseries."

Thus was the confidence of **St. Frances** rewarded.

St. Martin of Nantes

When **St. Martin of Nantes** was on his deathbed, he was calm and happy. He had spent a long life in the service of God, and now, like **St. Paul**, he waited to hear, from the Just Judge, the happy sentence that would place him forever in the enjoyment of his reward in Heaven.