

Immediately Jesus appeared to her in the form of a lovely little child with a beautiful countenance. On His head was a crown of sharp thorns, and on His little shoulders a very heavy cross. He stretched out His arms towards the little girl, and smiled upon her. Then He said: "Dear Osanna, I am Jesus, the Son of the Blessed Virgin Mary; if you wish to please Me, you will have to suffer much while you are in this world; but be not afraid, for I will never forsake you."

When He had said these words He disappeared, leaving the holy Child filled with Divine love. From that day she made the sufferings of Our Lord the special object of her meditation. The crosses she had to carry were sometimes very heavy, but Jesus had promised never to forsake her, and she is now happy with Him in Heaven. *Life of St. Osanna*

The Catechism in Examples by Rev. D. Chisholm

Bd. Osanna of Mantua was born January 1449. At around the age 28 she received a series of mystical experiences of the Passion which caused her intense sufferings. She died in 1505. *Butler's Lives of Saints*

Brother Bernard's Great Joy

What is it that gives you so much joy to-day, Brother Bernard?" said one of his companions to him.

He answered: "I have received to-day something brighter even than the purest gold; something greater than the highest honor on earth."

"And what is it?" asked the other.

"The Cross," said the Saint. "To-day a heavy trial has come upon me, and the world has said much against me. To-day I have indeed found a pearl of great price."

It was in this way the Saints spoke of affliction. It made them happy, because it made them throw themselves on God, and think of their home in Heaven.

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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

The Word was made Man in the Fullness of Time.

"When the fullness of time was come, God sent His Son." Gal. iv. 4.

God Unknown: Consider that God allowed four thousand years to pass, after the transgression of Adam, before He sent His Son upon earth to redeem the world. And in the meantime, Oh, what fatal darkness reigned upon the earth! The true God was not known or adored, except in one small corner of the world. Idolatry reigned everywhere; so that devils and beasts and stones were adored as gods.

Cause of Christ's Arrival: But let us admire in this the Divine Wisdom: He deferred the coming of the Redeemer

- in order to render His advent more welcome to man,
- in order that the malice of sin might be better known,
- as well as the necessity of a remedy and the grace of the Savior.

If Jesus Christ had come into the world immediately after the fall of Adam, the greatness of this favor would have been but slightly appreciated.

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.

Fullness of Grace: It is called fullness, on account of the fullness of grace which the Son of God came to communicate to men by the redemption of the world.

Event Account: Behold the angel who is sent as ambassador into the town of Nazareth to announce to the Virgin Mary the coming of the Word, who desires to become incarnate in her womb. The angel salutes her, calls her full of grace and blessed among women. The humble Virgin, chosen to be the Mother of the Son of God, is troubled at these praises on account of her great humility: but the angel encourages her, and tells her that she has found grace with God; that is to say, that grace which brought peace between God and man, and the reparation of the ruin caused by sin. He then tells her that she must give her Son the name of Savior: Thou shalt call His name Jesus; (Luke, i. 31) and that this her Son is the very Son of God, Who is to redeem the world, and thus to reign over the hearts of men.

- a) **Mary's consent:** Behold, at last Mary consents to be the Mother of such a Son: Be it done unto me according to Thy word
- b) **Incarnation:** And the eternal Word takes flesh and becomes man: And the Word was made flesh?

Glory to the Mother of God, Mary: Let us thank this Son, and let us also thank His Mother, who, in consenting to be the mother of such a Son, consented also to be the Mother of our salvation, and Mother also of sorrows, accepting at that time the deep abyss of sorrows that it would cost her to be the Mother of a Son who was to come into the world to suffer and die for man.

Affections and Reflections:

Jesus, My King of Love: O divine Word, become man for me, though I behold Thee thus humbled and become a little infant in the womb of Mary, yet I confess and

acknowledge Thee for my Lord and King, but a king of love.

Jesus, Reign Over My Heart: My dearest Savior, since Thou hast come down upon earth and clothed Thyself with our miserable flesh, in order to reign over our hearts, I beseech Thee come and establish Thy reign in my heart also, which was once, alas, ruled over by Thine enemies, but is now, I hope, Thine, as I desire that it may be always Thine, and that from this day forth Thou mayest be its only Lord: Rule Thou in the midst of Thy enemies?

Reign With Love: Other kings reign by the strength of arms, but Thou comest to reign by the power of love; and therefore Thou dost not come with regal pomp, nor clothed in purple and gold, nor adorned with scepter and crown, nor surrounded by armies of soldiers. Thou comest into the world to be born in a stable, poor, forsaken, placed in a manger on a little straw, because Thou wouldst begin to reign in our hearts.

Inventions of Love: Ah, my infant King, Oh, happy me, if, now that I have been freed from the slavery of Satan, I allow myself forever to be governed by Thee and by Thy love! O Jesus, my King, who art so amiable and so loving to our souls, take possession, I pray Thee, of mine; I give it entirely to Thee: accept it, that it may serve Thee forever only for love.

Aspiration: O Mary, our dear Lady! it is for thee to obtain for me that I may be faithful to this beloved King of my soul.

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

Simplicity: When I started the Holy Hour, I wanted to immerse myself in the agony of Jesus in the Garden of Olives. Then I heard a voice in my soul: **Meditate on the mystery of the Incarnation.** And suddenly the Infant Jesus appeared before me, radiant with beauty. He told me how much God is pleased with simplicity in a soul. **“Although My greatness is beyond understanding, I commune only with those who are little. I demand of you a childlike spirit.”**

Diary #332 by St. Maria Faustina Kowalska

Preparation for Communion With Mary:

Today I felt the nearness of my Mother, my heavenly Mother, although before every Holy Communion I earnestly ask the Mother of God to help me prepare my soul for the coming of Her Son, and I clearly feel Her protection over me. I entreat Her to be so gracious as to **enkindle in me the fire of God's love**, such as burned in Her own pure heart at the time of the Incarnation of the Word of God.

Diary #1114 by St. Maria Faustina Kowalska

St. Therese: Spiritual Childhood

I ought to grieve because I fall asleep very often during my prayer and my thanksgiving after Holy Communion. Well, I do not grieve! I reflect that little children when they sleep are as pleasing to their parents as when they are awake.

The Story of a Soul by St. Therese of Lisieux

St. Osanna and the Holy Child Jesus

One Of the greatest blessings God can bestow upon us is to give us a father and mother who love Him.

The parents of **St. Osanna** loved God with their whole hearts, and they taught their little daughter to do the same.

One day, in her childish simplicity, she asked God to tell her what she could do for Him that would give Him the greatest pleasure, and a voice said distinctly to her: "My daughter, love Me with your whole heart."

Her Angel Guardian, on another occasion, led her into Paradise, and showed her the glory God gives to His Saints. When she returned to her senses after this vision, she said. "My own dearest Lord, I give myself from this moment to Thee; just do with me whatever is most pleasing to Thee, for I want to live for nothing else,"