

This is also my advice to you, my child, You love Jesus, and Jesus loves you; go often to Him, then, that you may fulfil the desire of His Sacred Heart.

St. Gregory's Father Cured

It is related in the life of St. Gregory of Tours that when he was a little child his father became very ill. Gregory, who loved his father as only a good son can do, asked God by many fervent prayers to heal him.

One night, as he was asleep, his angel guardian appeared to him, and said: "If you want to heal your father, do what I now tell you. When you rise in the morning, write on a piece of wood the holy Name of Jesus, and place it, without telling anyone, under your father's pillow."

As soon as he awoke, he got a piece of wood and wrote on it the holy Name of Jesus, as the angel had asked him to do, and placed it gently under his father's pillow. Scarcely had this been done when his father found himself suddenly freed from all his sickness. Gregory, seeing this, fell on his knees and thanked God and his good angel guardian for making his father well again.

If the Name of Jesus written on a piece of wood was so powerful, how much more powerful will Jesus Himself be when He really dwells in your soul by Holy Communion!

Christ's Words To The Lost Souls

St. Francis of Sales, speaking of those poor Christians who are lost for all eternity, and who in life had neglected to go frequently to the Sacraments, says: "Those Christians who are lost shall have nothing to answer to their Judge at the Day of Judgment, when He shall show them that it was through their own fault that they died in sin, since it was so

easy for them to have kept their souls alive by frequently partaking of His sacred Body and Blood. 'O miserable wretches' will He say to them, 'why did you allow your souls to die by mortal sin, since it was so easy for you to keep them alive by feeding them frequently with My Body and Blood, which I left you expressly for that purpose?' "

O my child, may it never be your fate to hear these terrible words! Go often and fervently to Communion, and on that day Jesus will take you to His heavenly home.

Catechism in Examples by Rev. D. Chisholm

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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' Ardent Love

Ardent Desire of love: The love of Jesus Christ towards men created in Him a longing desire for the moment of His death, when His love should be fully manifested to them; hence He was wont to say in His lifetime: *I have a baptism wherewith I am to be baptized, and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!* (Luke, xii. 50)

Desire for Passion: I have to be baptized in my own blood; and how do I feel Myself straitened with the desire that the hour of My Passion may soon arrive; for then man will know the love which I bear him!

Jesus' Hour of love: Hence St. John, speaking of that night in which Jesus began His Passion, writes: *Jesus knowing that His hour was come, that He should pass out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them unto the end.* (John, xiii. i.)

Last Proof of Love: The Redeemer called that hour His own hour, because the time of His death was the time desired by Him; as it was then that He wished to give mankind the last proof of His love, by dying for them upon a cross overwhelmed by sorrows.

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.

Dignity of the Lover: But what could have ever induced a God to die as a malefactor upon a cross between two sinners, with such insult to His divine majesty? "Who did this?" asks **St. Bernard**; he answers, "It was love, careless of its dignity." Ah, love indeed, when it tries to make itself known, does not seek what is becoming to the dignity of the lover, but what will serve best to declare itself to the object loved.

Our Acclamation: **St. Francis of Paula** therefore had good reason to cry out at the sight of a crucifix, "O charity, O charity, O charity!" And in like manner, when we look upon Jesus on the cross, we should all exclaim, O love, O love, O love!

Most Blessed Faith: (Thank you Jesus.) Ah, if faith had not assured us of it, who could ever have believed that a God, almighty, most happy, and the Lord of all, should have condescended to love man to such an extent that He seems to go out of Himself for the love of him?

Chains of Love: Oh, if men would only pause and consider, looking at Jesus on the cross, the love that He has borne each one of them! "With what love," says **St. Francis de Sales**, "would not our souls become enkindled at the sight of those flames which are in the Redeemer's breast!"

And oh, what happiness, to be able to be consumed by that same fire with which our God burns for us! What joy, to be united to God by the **chains of love!**"

Piercing Love: **St. Bonaventure** called the wounds of Jesus Christ, wounds which pierce the most senseless hearts, and which inflame the most icy souls. How many darts of love come forth from those wounds, to wound the hardest hearts! Oh, what flames issue from the burning heart of Jesus Christ to inflame the coldest souls! And chains, how many, from that wounded side, to bind the most stubborn wills!

The Holy Eucharist by St Alphonse di Liguori

Our Lord's Bountiful Assistance of Graces

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

The Holy Mass is of such surpassing excellence that not even one of the highest angels can praise it aright. **St. Francis de Sales** says of it in his Introduction to a Devout Life: "Holy Mass is the sum of all spiritual exercises, the **heart of devotion**, the **soul of piety**, an ineffable mystery that comprises within itself the abyss of **divine charity**, and by which God really communicates Himself to us and in a special manner replenishes our souls with His **graces and favors.**" It would take long to fully unfold the meaning of these beautiful words, and explain the glorious descriptions of which the saint makes use. What he intends to say is this: Let him who desires to be truly pious and devout be assiduous in his attendance upon holy Mass, for this is the best means of obtaining divine grace.

The Incredible Catholic Mass by Fr. Martin von Cochem

The Holy Rosary: Devout Reflections on the Mysteries

The holy Rosary, recited with the meditation on the sacred mysteries, is a sacrifice of praise to God for the great gift of our redemption and a holy reminder of the **sufferings, death and glory of Jesus Christ.** It is therefore true that the Rosary gives glory and added joy to our Lord, our Lady and all the blessed, because they cannot desire anything greater, for the sake of our eternal happiness, than to see us engaged in a practice which is so glorious for our Lord and so salutary for ourselves.

The Gospel teaches us that a sinner who is converted and who does penance gives joy to all the angels. If the repentance and conversion of one sinner is enough to make the angels rejoice, how great must be the happiness and jubilation of the whole heavenly court and what glory for our Blessed Lord Himself to see us here on earth meditating devoutly and lovingly on His humiliations and torments and on His cruel and shameful death!

The Secret of the Rosary by St. Louis de Montfort

Visits to the Blessed Sacrament

What motive induced Jesus Christ to remain with us after the work of our redemption was accomplished, and after His glorious Ascension into Heaven? Why does He return to our earth every day in an invisible manner? Why does He remain day and night in a humble and obscure state on our altars, except that He cannot endure to be separated from men; that His delight is to be with the children of men? "Grieve not, My children," He says to us, "I will not leave you orphans; I ascend into Heaven but at the same time I will remain with you on earth; you are weak, sick, languid, you will often be afflicted, you will fear My judgments, you will dread the anger and the justice of My Father, but you will find in Me in the Blessed Sacrament, a Father who will console you, a Physician who will heal you, a Guide who will lead you safely, a Master who will solve all your doubts, a Heavenly Nourishment that will give you new strength, and finally a Redeemer and a Savior."

Devotion to the Sacred Heart by Fr. John Croiset, S.J.

Blessed Conrad's Mistake

Blessed Conrad, who lived in the fourteenth century, loved Our Lord with all his heart. Nothing gave him so much delight as to receive Him in Communion. But when he considered his own unworthiness and God's greatness, he sometimes abstained from Communion through reverence. Yet on these occasions he did not feel happy; something whispered to him that he had done wrong.

One day he told his confessor that he sometimes abstained from Communion, and that on these days he was not happy.

"Oh, you have done very wrong, my child," he said; "God is on the altar waiting for you; why do you not go to Him, since He is calling you? Go as often as you can, and do not make His Sacred Heart sad by keeping Him waiting for you so long."