

hatred of Our Lord, cut out his tongue by the root that he might never again be able to offer up the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Most Tender Care Received in His Afflictions:

The other priest, his companion, when the miscreants had departed, raised him from the ground and carried him to a neighboring monastery of Cluny, and confided him to the care of the monks. When they learned what had taken place, they not only tended him with the most affectionate care, but looked on him as a martyr who had suffered for the sake of God.

Moved With Affection For The Ceremony:

Not long afterwards came the Feast of Our Lord's Epiphany. During the night he went quietly into the church, and, kneeling before one of the altars, prostrated himself in prayer before it. As he prayed in silence and sadness, the thought came into his mind to beseech Our Lady, the Mother of Mercy, who is all-powerful with God, to restore to him his tongue, of which he had been deprived because he had desired to honor her on the day of the week consecrated to her, by offering up the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Our Blessed Lady's Response:

The most sweet Mother of God did not delay the answer to his prayer, for scarcely had he ended his petition, when he saw her standing at his side smiling tenderly upon him. She said to him in words which filled his heart with joy: "Since your tongue has been cut out, because of your love for me and because of the homage you desired to offer my Divine Son in the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, as every good and faithful servant should do, I come at your request to heal you, and to restore to you the tongue which you have lost, in order that you may be able to continue to glorify Him by the celebration of the Most Holy Mysteries."

The 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 Crucified

Jesus's Life of Love:

Jesus on the cross! Behold the proof of the love of a God. Behold the last appearance of the Incarnate Word on earth. The first was in a stable: the last is on a cross: both display His love and infinite charity for men.

Saint Declares Infinite Love of Jesus:

Contemplating one day the love of Jesus in dying for us, St. Francis of Paul, wrapped in ecstasy and raised in the air, exclaimed three times, in a loud voice: "O God, charity! O God, charity! O God, charity!"

Infinite Love – Incomprehensible!

By these exclamations the Lord wished, through the saint, to teach us that we shall never be able to comprehend the infinite love which this God has shown us in condescending to suffer such torments, and to die for our salvation.

Precious Blood Poured On Me:

My soul, approach with a humbled and penitent heart that cross; kiss the altar on which thy loving Lord dies. Place thyself under His feet that His Divine Blood may

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.

flow upon thee, and say to the **Eternal Father** (but in a sense different from that which the Jews intended). **His blood be upon us.** (Matt, xxvii. 25)

Mercy and Pardon From Our Lord:

O Lord, may this blood descend on us, and wash us from our sins: this blood does not demand vengeance from Thee, as did the blood of Abel, but **implores of Thee for us mercy and pardon.** This Thy Apostle encourages us to hope for, saying, *You are come to Jesus, the Mediator of the New Testament, and to the sprinkling of blood, which speaketh better than that of Abel.* (Heb. xii. 24)

Jesus Seeks Our Love:

Hence from the cross Jesus seeks not so much our compassion as our love. And if He seeks pity, He asks it only that it may induce us to love Him. **He merits our love on account of His own goodness;** but, on the cross He appears to ask us to love Him at least through compassion.

My Heart Lifted To Jesus Upon The Cross:

Ah, my Jesus, Thou hadst just reason to say, before the time of Thy Passion, that, when **Thou shouldst be exalted on the cross, Thou wouldst draw all our hearts to Thee.** And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all things to myself, (John, xii. 32)

Cross: Throne of Love:

Oh, what darts of fire didst Thou cast at our hearts from this throne of love! Oh, how many happy souls hast Thou drawn to Thee from this cross, and rescued from the jaws of hell?

Drawn By Love:

Permit me, then, to say to Thee: Justly, O my Lord, have they caused Thee to die between two thieves, since by Thy love **Thou hast snatched from Lucifer so many Christians** who justly belonged to him on account of their sins One of these I hope to be.

Inextinguishable Love By Suffering:

O wounds of my Jesus, O blessed furnaces of love! receive me that I may burn not in the fire of hell, as I have deserved, but with the **holy flames of love for that God Who has condescended to die consumed by torments for my salvation.**

Passion of Jesus Christ by St. Alphonsus de Liguori

Frequent Communion

The Grace of Purity Increases, etc. :

The grace of purity comes only from Our Lord. Communion gives, increases, strengthens, preserves and maintains it against all the assaults of the devil, the world, and the flesh. It is a truth beyond question that without Communion we cannot be chaste.

Human and Divine Nature United:

Through the Incarnation, human nature united itself to the divine nature in oneness of person, so that in seeing the body of our Lord, one saw God. Now Jesus Christ, God and Man, comes into us and works a mystery similar in a way to that which was effected in the womb of Mary.

Incarnation:

From the hands of the priest the Eucharist comes into our bodies and, by uniting itself to us, prolongs and extends the Incarnation to each man in particular.

United With The Body Of Jesus:

Our body is, so to say, set in the body of our Lord. As He is the worthier and nobler of the two, He surrounds and dominates us: we are clothed with Him; we are blended together in an unspeakable union.

Increased In Unity:

What a magnificent thing is this union of a body, risen and glorious, with our own wretched nature! We lose this bodily presence when the sacred species are consumed. But if sin does not drive our Lord

away, our body continues to share in the virtue of the Body of Jesus: it partakes of the strength, the grace, the integrity, the ways of Christ's body; it lives on the life of our Lord; it becomes more spiritual. **Changed Into Jesus . . .**

1. . . in our Passions!

Do you not feel that after your Communion your passions are calmed down and that your body is at peace? Certain burning fevers are cured with ice. Jesus cures the ardor of our concupiscence with the purity of His virginal body.

2. . . in our Nature!

St. Cyril says that by Communion we become the blood relations of Jesus Christ. Christ's blood flows in our veins. We are changed into Jesus, we are blended With Him, says **St. John Chrysostom.** We should therefore let our bodies reshape themselves in this divine mold and grow in it for Heaven.

In the Light of the Monstrance by St. Peter Julian Eymard

Intercession To Mary

Mass Offered in Devotion to Mary:

It happened many centuries ago that two pious priests were passing through the province of Albi, in France, where at the time dwelt a vast number of heretics known by the name of Albigenes. On the way they reached a church into which they entered to say their prayers. One of them was inspired by his devotion to offer up the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, in honor of our Blessed Lady, as it was a Saturday.

Cruel Treatment of the Priest:

At the moment when he was about to begin Mass, and while standing at the foot of the altar, a large number of heretics entered the church. They went up to the priest, and, laying hold of him, clad as he was in his sacred vestments, dragged him away from the altar, and after treating him in the most cruel manner through