

Our Lady of Lourdes

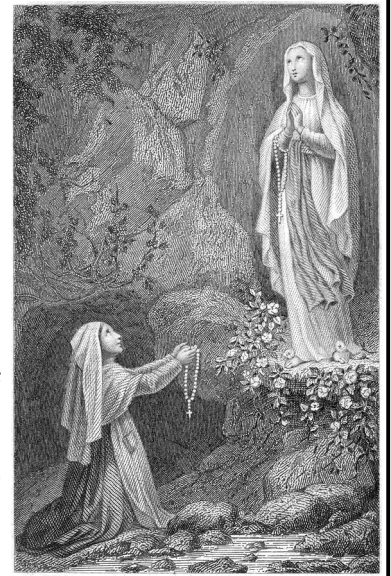
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"I do not promise you happiness in this life, only in the next"



BE RESOLVED THEN, DEAR FRIENDS OF THE CROSS, to suffer every kind of cross without excepting or choosing any: all poverty, all injustice, all temporal loss, all illness, all humiliation, all contradiction all calumny, all spiritual dryness, all desolation, all interior and exterior trials. Keep saying: "My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready" (Ps. 56, 8). Be ready to be forsaken by men and angels and, seemingly, by God Himself. Be ready to be persecuted, envied, betrayed, calumniated, discredited and forsaken by everyone. Be ready to undergo hunger, thirst, poverty, nakedness, exile, imprisonment, the gallows and all kinds of torture, even though you are innocent of everything with which you may be charged. What if you were cast out of your own home like Job and Saint Elizabeth of Hungary; thrown, like this saint, into the mire; or dragged upon a manure pile like Job, malodorous and covered with ulcers, without anyone to bandage your wounds, without a morsel of bread, never refused to a horse or a dog? Add to these dreadful misfortunes all the temptations with which God allows the devil to prey upon you, without pouring into your soul the least feeling of consolation. Firmly believe that this is the summit of divine glory and real happiness for a true, perfect Friend of the Cross. Lift up your eyes, behold the beautiful crown that awaits you in Heaven if you carry your cross as you should. That was the reward which kept patriarchs and prophets strong in faith under persecution. It gave heart to the Apostles and martyrs in their labors and torments. Patriarchs used to say as Moses had said: "We would rather be afflicted with the people of God, " so as to enjoy eternal happiness with Him, "than to have the pleasure of sin for a short time (Heb. 11, 25-



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Mass Calendar & Intentions

SUNDAY	January 28: Septuagesima Sunday (+) Valerjan Dudoit Poor & Holy Souls in Purgatory
MONDAY	January 29: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor Br Jonas Houston, msjb John Houlihan family
TUESDAY	January 30: St. Martina, Virgin & Martyr Iris Spoor David and Odile Mangin & family
WEDNESDAY	January 31: St. John Bosco, Confessor Idalmis Adams John Szostak
THURSDAY	February 1: St. Ignatius, Bishop & Martyr Sr. Theresa Elizabeth Anna Downes
FRIDAY	February 2: Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary Terry A Hodge Fr. Sean Kopczynski, msjb
SATURDAY	February 3: Immaculate Heart of Mary (+) Richard & Martha Brueggemann Crowe family



Septuagesima Sunday

January 28th, 2024

-26). The prophets repeated David's words: "We suffer great persecutions on account of the reward" (Ps. 68, 8118, 112). The Apostles and martyrs voiced the sentiments of St. Paul "We are, as it were, men appointed to death: we are made a spectacle to the world, and to angels, and to men," by our sufferings "being made the off-scouring of the world," (1 Cor. 4, 9-13), "by reason of the exceeding and eternal weight of glory, which this momentary and light tribulation worketh in us" (2 Cor. 4, 17). Let us see and listen to the angels right above us: "Be careful not to forfeit the crown that is set aside for you if you bravely bear the cross that is given you. If you do not bear it well, someone will bear it in your stead and will take your crown. All the saints warn us: fight courageously, suffer patiently and you will be given an everlasting kingdom." Let us hear Jesus: "To him only will I give My reward who shall suffer and overcome through patience" (Apoc. 2, 6; 11, 17; 3, 5; 21, 7). Let us lower our eyes and see the place we deserve, the place that awaits us in hell in the company of the wicked thief and the reprobate, if we go through suffering as they did, resentful and bent on revenge. Let us exclaim after St. Augustine: "Burn, O Lord, cut, carve divide in this world, in punishment for my sins, provided Thou pardon them in eternity."

—St. Louis de Montfort, *Friends of the Cross*

BEING TEMPTED?

GOD PERMITS THE INVISIBLE ENEMY to offer his wares to us for sale, so that by the contempt with which we look upon them we may show our affection for divine things . . . It is really a good sign when the Evil One stirs up such tumult outside the fortress of your will, for he shows he is not inside it. Now we are often troubled because we are unable to perceive whether temptation is from within or without our heart. And you will ask how one is to distinguish between the two? The test is this: Does the temptation please or displease you? One of the ancient Fathers says that sins which displease us cannot harm us. How much less then displeasing temptations! Remember that as long as the temptation displeases you there is nothing to fear, for why should it displease you if not because your will does not consent to it? . . . When you are doubtful as to whether or not you have consented to evil, always take the doubt as negative, and for this reason—a true and full consent of the will is necessary to form a really grave sin, there being no sin in what is not voluntary. Now full consent is so clear that there can never be left in the mind a shadow of doubt about its having taken place. Do not imagine too readily that you have consented, and if your heart does not reproach you, be at peace."—St. Francis de Sales.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

"MY JESUS, I believe that Thou art truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love Thee above all things and I desire to possess Thee within my soul. Since I am unable now to receive Thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace Thee as being already there, and unite myself wholly to Thee; never, never permit me to be separated from Thee. Amen."

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES (FEB 2-10)

BE BLESSED, O MOST PURE VIRGIN, ♣ for having vouchsafed to manifest thyself ♣ shining with light, sweetness and beauty, ♣ in the Grotto of Lourdes, ♣ saying to the child, St. Bernadette, ♣ "I am the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION." ♣ A thousand times we congratulate thee upon thine Immaculate Conception. ♣ Show that thou art our Mother. ♣ Grant us ever to remember this great favor. ♣ Make us rend to the Divine Goodness suitable thanksgiving. ♣ May the Church enjoy lasting peace and happiness.



MARY IMMACULATE, ♣ inflame our hearts with one ray of the burning love of thy pure heart. ♣ Let them be consumed with love for Jesus and for thee, ♣ in order that we may more worthily congratulate thee here below ♣ and merit to congratulate thee one day in a glorious eternity. (pause to mention intentions).

- For our Traditional Latin Mass Personal Parish
- For the Missionaries of St. John the Baptist
- For the protection and flourishing of the Traditional Latin Mass & all the ancient Sacramental Rituals of Rome throughout the Latin Rite

A thousand times we congratulate thee, O Mary Immaculate: ♣ show thyself our Mother.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be...



"Put Faith into practice by thinking on these four truths: God is always present. Nothing happens without His permission or outside of His will. Anything we do to others we do to Him. All kindness and goodness are in Him."

"Jesus gives all to those who surrender all."

"The more I contemplate God, the more God looks on me. The more I pray to Him, the more He thinks of me."

To dress becomingly for God and neighbor, and in keeping with the reverence due to the Blessed Sacrament, kindly refrain from wearing shorts, tee-shirts, tank-tops, revealing blouses, sleeveless or backless dresses, or form-fitting clothing of any sort. Please wear dresses and skirts that fall below the knee when sitting even with leggings (around mid-calf). With due regard to time and circumstance, all are encouraged to wear decorous attire befitting sacred and divine worship.