

to the eye of faith. This divine virtue which comes by the sense of hearing, supplies the deficiency of the other senses. I have said : my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. Now heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Do not therefore presume to ask, like the unbelieving Jews, how I can give thee my flesh to eat. No word shall be impossible to God. I said, let there be light, and there was light. I spoke and all things were made ; I commanded and they were created. I say to thee in the Eucharist, which is a continuation of the last supper, this is my body, and wilt thy weak reason dare to say it is not my body ? I say, this is the chalice of my blood, and wilt thou presume to say it is not the chalice of my blood ? I add, my body which will be delivered for you, and wilt thou assert that I mean the figure of my body ? Was it not my real body that was delivered and broken for thee on the cross ? I also said : my blood which shall be shed for the remission of sins. Was it not my real blood, and not the figure of my blood, that was poured out on Calvary ? In the Eucharist then I distribute my real body that was crucified, and my real blood that was shed. I, eternal truth, have pronounced it at the most awful time, and in the most solemn manner. It is thy duty to believe and adore. I believe, O Lord ! help my unbelief.

Mark ix. 23.

Lively faith in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

I was in the world, and the world was made by me, and the world knew me not. I came unto my own, and my own received me not. John. ci. 2, 10, 11.

Though I forsook my heavenly kingdom, assumed mortal flesh, and came into this world to save and not to destroy it, yet the world neither acknowledged me nor received me. I was persecuted in my infancy ; I was insulted and despised, treated as a malefactor, and loaded with injuries and reproach. My words and my actions were misinterpreted, my most splendid miracles attributed to Beelzebub. All this I endured from guilty and ungrateful man, whom I came to redeem. Notwithstanding all, so far did my love exceed his malice, that I instituted this mystery of love. And what was the time of its institution ? Ungrateful man hear it with confusion : it was on the night in which I was betrayed ; it was on the eve of my passion, at the very time when I knew that human nature was preparing all manner of sufferings for me, when I knew that human cruelty would be satiated only with my blood, and that that blood was to be shed in the most violent manner before the close of the next day. It was then I shewed my love for man, by instituting this sacrament. O who ever heard of a love like this !

What is man. O Lord, that thou art mindful of him, or the son of man that thou visitest him ? Ps. viii. 5.

Acts of Thanksgiving and Gratitude to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

I am the Alpha and Omega, the first letter and the last, the beginning and the end. Apoc. i. 8.

In the mystery of the Eucharist I am the corner stone of the two testaments, the accomplishment of all prophecies, the fulfilment of all types, the truth of