

THE CROSS.



God forbid that I should glory, save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; by whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world.—St. Paul, Gal. vi. 14.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

July 23, Sunday IV. aft. Epiph., S. John Chrysostom, B. Conf. and Doctor.
 29, Monday, S. Francis of Sales, B. and C.
 30, Tuesday, S. Felix IV., Pope and Con.
 31, Wednesday, S. Peter Nolascus, Con.
 Feby. 1, Thursday, S. Ignatius, B. and Con.
 2, Friday, Purification of B. V. Mary.
 3, Saturday, S. Dionysius, Pope and Con.

THE EUGENETIC WEEK

MONDAY.

ANGELICAL.

To Jesus Christ our King, to the Blessed Virgin Mary the Queen of Angels, to all the Angels, and particularly to our Angel Guardian.

THROUGH THE WAY AND AFFECTION OF HUMILITY.

Whenever that most blessed servant of God, St. John Chrysostom, was about to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, he beheld either with his corporeal eyes, or those of faith and the most tender piety, the House of God filled with choirs of Angels. With what majesty and profound humility do you think he proceeded to the holy sacrifice, as he could truly say In the sight of the Angels will I sing to thee O my God; I will adore in thy holy Temple, and confess to thy name. Go thou and do likewise.—Baronius. S. S. Ps. 137.

1. O wonderful event! The poor, the slave and the humble feed on the Lord! Truly this is the Lord's work and it is wonderful in our eyes! S. Thom. in Hymn. Corp. Chr. Ps. 117

2. The Lord hath created a new thing upon the earth: a woman shall compass a man! Jer. xxi. 21. O more new! O more wonderful!—The soul shall compass God! The sinful woman, and the miserable soul shall encompass Christ in their heart. Who shall declare his coming?

3. O Lord my God! how dost thou bring down thy glory into the dust? And dost thou think it meet to open thy eyes on such a one, and to pursue a dry straw! O what condescension of God! Job. xii.

4. After whom dost thou come out, O King of Israel; after whom dost thou pursue? Dost thou pursue a dead dog, or a worthless insect? For who am I, or what is my father's house, that thou shouldst come to thy servant, and descend into my house? Thou takest David from the guardianship of the flocks, and placest him on a royal throne! 1 Kings xxiv. 14, 15.

5. Beh! I am a worm, and no man, the reproach of men, and outcast of the people. O (thy) of the Angels! What is man that thou inclinest thy heart towards him? Shall a worm therefore feed on God; and shall the reproach of men receive into his bosom the mystery of the kingdom of heaven? 2 Ps. 21.

6. But last of all, as if by one horn out of due time, he was seen of me, who am not worthy to be called an apostle. 1 Cor. xv. Oh no, most holy Apostle, he was seen by me the last of all, and the vilest of all. Nor was he seen once only, but every day; and truly I am not worthy to be called his guest, because my pride has persecuted his glory.

7. Father, I have sinned against heaven and before thee. I am no longer worthy to be called thy son, nor thy guest, nor even thy servant. Make me as one of thy hired servants; nay as one of the little dogs that eats of the crumbs which fall from its master's table. Luke xv.

8. It is not good to take the bread of children and cast it to dogs. Matt. xv. Why then, O Good Jesus, dost thou give thyself, the bread of Angels to dogs, that is, to us, thy most unfortunate enemies. Why dost thou make thyself our daily food?

9. Whence is this to me, that the meadow of my Lord should come to me? Luke i. Or,