



## Wherefore the Eucharist.

TO CONTINUE THE WORK OF THE SALVATION OF MANKIND

**A**DORE our Lord Jesus Christ truly and personally Present behind the veil of the Eucharist; adore Him under His beautiful title of Saviour of mankind, and in the persevering labour, in the most merciful work of your salvation to which He devotes Himself perpetually and without relaxation in the Sacrament of the altar. For if He instituted the Eucharist for the glorification of His Father, He instituted it also for the salvation of mankind which, indeed is the principal means of advancing the glory of God. As the son of God once become man for us and for our salvation, so again he becomes a Sacrament for us and for our salvation. And as He procured during His human life the salvation of men by His prayers, His preaching, His graces and by His Passion, again, to-day, by the same means He labors for our salvation in the Blessed Sacrament. How attentive is His love in this divine work! As during His life He prayed at night on the mountains and in solitary places, so now night and day His prayers go up from the tabernacles which are erected all over the world like watch towers whence ceaseless vigil is kept.

As in former times His preaching proclaimed the duties and virtues that should sanctify us; so in the Blessed Sacrament it is His state itself that preaches to the sight and to faith. It preaches the fulfilment of all duties, and teaches in their highest perfection all virtues. Does not