

Particular Practice for the month of March:

TO IMITATE THE HIDDEN LIFE OF JESUS IN THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT.

Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament lives a life, hidden and obscure. He, the mighty King, is enclosed in the Tabernacle, where no outward sign reveals the love and power of the divine Dweller. He is not only hidden, but also, He is annihilated, so far as His sacred Humanity is concerned. He is there, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, yet we do not see Him ; moreover, the veil which hides Him leads the senses, almost reason itself to say, " He is not there, He cannot be there." Apparant contradiction : Jesus is living yet we cannot see or even suspect any movement on His part, any sign of life. He is there in the integrity of His members, yet He appears reduced to an almost imperceptible particle. What love of the hidden, interior life in this God who uses His Sovereign might only to veil Himself from mortal eyes !

He prays continually to His Father, yet we do not hear Him speak ; He performs no visible, distinct action, yet His annihilated state is His constant, efficacious, invisible action ; He lives an interior life, a hidden life, a life of sacrifice, a life of immolation, yet His heavenly Father, who sees in secret is the only witness of His incessant adorations, of the propitiatory offering this pure victim makes of Himself. O God, our Saviour ! Thou art truly a hidden God ! Thou art verily so in all the stages of Thy mortal life, but no where art Thou more so than in the Blessed Eucharist, where it is Thy will so to remain until the end of time.

What a holy life ! What a gloriously meritorious life in God's sight and how conformable to that of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Altar, is a life hidden in God, unknown, unnoticed, unseen by men. Living in their midst, yet not of them ! Sharing their life and labours, while the heart holds ceaseless converse with our Lord and is fed by an invisible food of which they