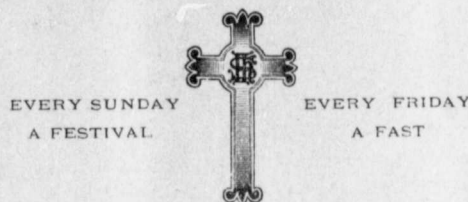


CHURCH CALENDAR.



MARCH

1. Second Sunday in Lent.
8. Third " " "
15. Fourth " " "
22. Fifth " " "
25. Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
29. Palm Sunday.
30. Monday before Easter.
31. Tuesday " "



ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

The popular name for this day is Lady Day. Like the Purification, it is properly a festival of our Lord Jesus Christ, and this idea is preserved in the collect. But as it gives prominence to the Blessed Virgin, in the Gospel, as highly favoured of the Lord, it has become a commemoration of her. Mary, the chosen of the Lord, is the ideal of motherhood, and as such it is fitting that her character should be reverently studied, and her blessed life commemorated.



PALM SUNDAY: the beginning of Holy Week. Let your Bible and Prayer Book be your constant companions during this week.

Follow Jesus in the steps of His passion, and pray earnestly that the burden of souls be laid upon the consciences of all the members of the Church.



A PRAYER FOR LENT

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; Create and

make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Note: This Collect is to be read every day in Lent after the Collect appointed for the Day.



RESOLUTIONS FOR LENT.

1st. If hitherto I have been neglectful of Religion, I will think about it now.

2nd. If I have never had Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as my own personal Saviour, I will now believe that He "loved me and gave Himself for me."

3rd. If I have never been baptized, "what doth hinder me" now? I will be baptized into Him Who died for me.

4th. If I have not been Confirmed I cannot delay it longer, my heart is "ready and desirous to be Confirmed" into that Faith I now know to be so precious.

5th. If I have never "drawn near in faith" to the Holy Table, I approach it now, for my soul longs for its Spiritual food and refreshing Grace.

6th. If I have been indifferent about attending Services, I dare not be so any longer; the God I serve is present to bless me, can I be absent?

7th. If I have never worked for Him in His Church and its organizations, Oh Lord hear now my prayer, "What will Thou have me do?"

8th. If I have kept back from the Lord what has been His, not mine, I offer all to Him now, freely, cheerfully, not grudgingly, but with a willing heart. I dedicate myself and all I have to Him who has given all to me.



The Cross by which we are to stand confronts us in different forms. In *business* when we have to witness for truth and integrity, to accept common poverty rather than violate Christian principle; in *society* showing ourself on the side of Christ in matters of modesty, reverence, charity; in *domestic life*, in bearing bereavement, or separation, or misunderstanding; in our *personal life*, in a struggle with pride, self-love or passion.—Bp. A. C. A. Hall.

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