

# 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.

- March 12. Sunday II. of Lent, Vespers of the following festival, com. of Sunday.
13. Monday, S. Gregory the Great, Pope, Conf. and Doct.
14. Tuesday, S. Casimir, King and Conf. from the 5th inst.
15. Wednesday, S. Zacharias, I. Pope and Conf.
16. Thursday, Mass and off. of this day in Lent.
17. Friday, commemoration of the H. Winding Sheet in which the Dead Body of our Saviour was wrapped. (The Office and Mass of S. Patrick, Apostle of Ireland, whose festival occurs on this day, are transferred to Wednesday, the 2d inst., as all the Fridays in Lent are devoted to particular commemorations of the Passion of our Redeemer.)
18. Saturday, Holy Gabriel, Archangel.

## EXTRAS. &c.

As one of the principal objects of the establishment of THE CROSS has been to diffuse cheap religious information as widely as possible, we intend to issue from time to time Extras at a low rate, which will include several little works not easily attainable in these countries. We will also sometimes publish Original compositions in this form. The first Extra, price one penny, will be issued on Thursday, March 25, and will contain a work, very little known, from the ascetic writings of Thomas a Kempis, the pious author of the Imitation of Christ, and entitled "THE MANUAL OF LITTLE ONES," in fifteen chapters.

## Stations for the Holy Time of Lent

OR OTHER SEASONS OF THE YEAR.

From the French of Père Bérthier.

"I will bring them into my holy mount, and will make them joyful in my house of prayer for my house shall be called, the house of prayer for all nations."—Isaiah.

### INTRODUCTION.

STATIONS are the venerable remains of the ancient customs of the faithful, who were wont to visit holy places, such as the tomb of Jesus Christ, the Churches erected over the ashes of the Holy Apostles or the Oratories in which the memory of the Martyrs was solemnized. Long voyages were often undertaken for these pious purposes. But in process of time abuses crept in, and the devotees, in their zeal, will abuse everything, no matter how sacred. These pilgrimages are now very rarely undertaken, and in their place have been appointed Stations, which pious souls may go through without leaving the place of their residence. They visit the temples of the Lord, particularly during the time consecrated to penance, and meditate on various mysteries of religion.

I shall suppose six churches, or chapels, or oratories, which I shall visit successively, in order to renew my fervour, and I will observe the following order:

### FIRST STATION.

*First Station.* To the Eternal Father, the principle of all good, and the source of all perfection.

*Second Station.* To the Incarnate Word, whose Sacred Heart is all longing with love for me.