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POPE LEO XIII.



SATURDAY, MAY 16, 1903.

CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK.

MAY.

- 17—Fifth Sunday after Easter. St. Paschal Baylon, Confessor.
- 18—Monday—Rogation Day. Our Lady of Mercy.
- 19—Tuesday—Rogation Day. St. Peter Celestine, Pope.
- 20—Wednesday—Rogation Day and Vigil. St. Bernardine of Siena, Confessor.
- 21—Thursday—Feast of the Ascension.
- 22—Friday—St. John Baptist de la Salle, Founder of the Christian Brothers.
- 23—Saturday—Office of the second day within the octave of the Ascension.

OUR NEW CURATE.

It is with more than ordinary pleasure that we welcome into our midst the Rev. Father Frigon, O. M. I., as an assistant priest in St. Mary's parish. Father Frigon combines with a healthy possession of Catholic devotion and earnest piety the energy of youth, and that progressiveness of spirit which aims at presenting Catholicity in its most pleasing light to those who do not understand it. One of the many things that recommend Father Frigon to the Catholics of Winnipeg is his neat and gentlemanly appearance on the street. It may be of interest to the readers of the Northwest Review to get a glimpse into Father Frigon's history. He was born in St. Maurice, P. Q. His early education was obtained at St. Mary's College, Montreal, and at Three Rivers College. After graduating from the latter college he joined the Oblate Order and entered Ottawa University. Graduating in theology from this University he was sent to Brownsville, Texas, to occupy the position of Rector of St. Mary's College of that place. At the end of three years he was called to Montreal, where, until his appointment as assistant at St. Mary's Church, he has been engaged in missionary work, preaching missions in English, French and Spanish.

Let us hope for the pleasure of listening to many missionary sermons from this energetic young priest.

Last Sunday at High Mass he preached a powerful sermon on Faith. Taking his text from Rom. i, 17: "The just man liveth by faith." He said in part:

Faith is a particular gift from Heaven, which enables us to believe without the least doubt or hesitation all that has been revealed by God, and that upon the strength of his own word and testimony.

Faith is the foundation, the spirit, the very essence of Christianity, of that divine religion we profess, and which has converted and sanctified the whole world by its teaching of duty and virtue.

Faith is a gift and therefore no man can have it by himself. A mere act of the will is not sufficient for any one to believe in mysteries and doctrines which he cannot understand. So true is this that when endeavoring to implant the true faith in the heart of a friend we must not have recourse to arguments so much as to prayer; yes, prayer that will obtain from divine mercy the necessary light and strength.

Unfortunately though, this great blessing is not appreciated as it should be by a good many who have had the happiness of receiving it. It seems as if the spirit of the age had a deleterious influence on faith, leading many of our people away from the practice of their religion, and the high principles it inculcates. The chilling atmosphere of worldliness and mundane ambition threatens to wilt the beautiful flowers of faith and piety.

Beware also of the ideas of religious independence which more than ever perhaps present themselves now-a-days under most delusive forms. We must not try and reason on religious matters as we do in politics and other questions. Let us be satisfied that Almighty God, the truth itself, who can neither deceive us nor be himself deceived, has told us what we must believe and practice. This does not mean, however, that reason and intelligence are discarded in the Catholic Church. Far from it; our intelligence is placed and protected within its proper sphere, because if it were abandoned to itself, the pride of the human heart would have soon led it into darkness and ignorance. Faith is not the negation of human intellect. Faith is the illuminating sun of Christian life, a spark from divine wisdom revealing to us the things of Heaven. We believe, because God has spoken. We know that He has spoken because reason must admit the fact, and we come to the knowledge of truths revealed, through the infallible teaching of the Church. Our faith, however, must not be idle and merely speculative. It must be practical, manifesting itself exteriorly, whenever the glory of God and our neighbor's good require it. "Faith without work is dead."

"What shall it profit," says St. John, "if a man say he hath faith, but hath not works?"

We can lose faith, and that is the greatest curse that can befall a man in this world. We can lose faith by the reading of immoral books, by idle discussions in dogmatic matters, the negligence of our religious duties, by contempt of the authority and laws of the Church. "He that heareth you, heareth Me, and he that despiseth you despiseth Me."

Every day of your life ask Almighty God to strengthen your faith, to increase it in your heart and in that of your children.

Be true to the faith of your baptism. Practice what you believe. Be true to your faith in all circumstances of life, but particularly in days of gloom, of misfortune and sorrow. No matter what happens it will cheer you up; it will encourage and comfort you. Let faith be the motive of all your actions; let it inspire all your thoughts and sentiments, because faith, and faith alone, can call down upon you the blessings of God during life, because faith will be the key to open before you some day the gates of Heaven.

FOR THE ORPHANAGE.

Sacred Concert in St. Mary's Church Last Evening.
Free Press.

There was a large attendance at St. Mary's Church last night at the sacred concert given in aid of St. Joseph's Orphanage. The programme was of a most enjoyable nature throughout and showed the effect of careful preparation. The chorus was very well balanced and under Mr. James Perkins' management acquitted themselves with special accuracy in harmony and

shading. Mr. Albert Evans accompanied with his usual skill. Although it would be invidious to mention special numbers in a programme of such individual excellence, Miss Mawhinney's solo was most enjoyable, as was Mr. Ditchmont's violin solo. Mr. A. A. Codd was absent and Mr. Norman Douglas was also unable to be present. The programme was:

Organ Solo—Batiste's Offertoire in C minor
Mr. J. W. Matthews.

Chorus—"Praise Ye the Father"..... Gounod
The Choir.

Soprano Solo—"Hear Ye Israel"..... Mendelssohn

Miss L. May Mawhinney.

Contralto Solo—"The Heavenly Song"..... Hamilton Gray

Miss Mabel Holroyde.

Solo and Chorus—"With Sheathed Swords"..... Costa

Miss Norah Cronn and Choir.

Violin Solo—"Cavatina"..... Raff

Mr. Ditchmont.

Solo and Chorus—"Inflammatus"..... Rossini

Miss Bonnie Simpson and Choir.

Contralto Solo—"Ave Maria"..... Bach-Gounod

Miss L. May Mawhinney.

(Violin obligato by Mr. Ditchmont)

Chorus—"Gloria in Excelsis"..... Mozart

Clerical News.

The Very Rev. A. Dugas, Vicar General, returned on Tuesday from eastern Assiniboia. He had been to St. Antoine to introduce there as parish priest Rev. Father Ferland, who had been for the last three months assistant priest to Rev. Father Campeau at St. Eustache. Rev. Father Lorieau becomes the new assistant there.

The Very Rev. Father Socquet, Visitor to the Fathers of La Salle, left for Montreal last Monday.

Rev. Father Poirier was here last week and returned to St. Adelard on Saturday last.

The parish priests of the diocese of Clonfert assembled in the pro-Cathedral, Loughrea, the other day for the purpose of selecting three names to be forwarded to the Holy See, one of whom may be appointed Bishop of the vacant diocese. The result of the voting was as follows: Rev. John Boews, P. P. Woodford, dignissimus; Very Rev. Thomas Gilmartin, dean, Maynooth college, dignior; Very Rev. John Cunningham, vicar capitular, dignus.

Monsignore Sales Soto, Bishop of Huaraz, Peru, died recently. He was one of the most distinguished of the Peruvian clergy.

The fiftieth anniversary of the establishment in Annapolis of the Redemptorist Order was celebrated at St. Mary's Catholic church recently with imposing ceremonies.

Sister Mary Xavier Reed of the Presentation convent, Galway, a very brilliant woman, died, recently. Sister Mary was the compiler of "The Little Treasury of Leaflets," so widely read by Catholics.

Rev. Fathers Viens, Jutras and Jolys were here this week.

Rev. Adelard Bellavance, Eccl., though still very ill, improved somewhat this week.

PALM BRANCHES AND SUNDAY PAPERS.

From the Lutheran.

A scene on one of the streets of Philadelphia on Palm Sunday is full of suggestion. Multitudes of Roman Catholics with Palm leaves in their hands were on their way to Mass. Here and there some Protestant churchman, fresh from the news stand, could be seen wedging his way between them with the Sunday newspaper in hand and away from the church in which he holds a sort of membership. This is not saying that Roman Catholics do not read Sunday newspapers and that all Protestants do, but it does suggest that between a reverent and devout Romanist and an indifferent lapsed Protestant it would not at all be difficult to choose.

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