

While Madame Delaunais lay thus, close to the statue, she fell asleep through fatigue. When she awoke she uttered a prayer of thanksgiving to good St Anne. She was cured of a swelling that affected her whole body and caused her atrocious pain. However, she was still unable to walk, and she was borne to a lodging-house to spend the night.

When the bells tolled to summon the pilgrims to church, to her great joy, she felt a sudden relief; soon after all pain had disappeared, her paralysed limbs had recovered their former suppleness. St Anne had heard her prayer, this time it was sure that her cure was complete. All those who, the day before, had pitied her condition, saw her walking in the church, without help, up to the communion-table. Tears of gratitude flowed from her eyes.

So that all might witness her cure, she was made to advance in front of the sanctuary; all present responded with indescribable emotion to the prayers of thanksgiving she then addressed to good St Anne. The joy of all was great and many tears fell when the *Te Deum* was chanted.

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THE WORSHIP AND PATRONAGE OF SAINT ANNE.

BY THE PRESENTATION OF MARY IN THE TEMPLE, ST ANNE AND ST JOACHIM HAVE CROWNED
THEIR MERITS.

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As a rule, God offers to His chosen ones, in some rare circumstances of their lives, an occasion of giving Him a striking proof of their love, He then asks of them unwonted or more perfect sacrifices; now the voluntary offering of an object tenderly loved, now, an act of resignation to bitter reverses and utter destitution; betimes a total abnegation of self in favor of the suffering members of Jesus Christ. Thus were treated Abraham, Job, Tobias: of the first He asked an only