

His Divine Son, say as upon Thabor : " Behold My Beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased. Adore Him, love Him, serve Him with all your hearts."

## II.

To comprehend the value of the Mass we must remember that this act has in itself a value greater than that of all the other good works, virtues and merits of all the saints united, from the beginning until the end of the world, even including those of the Blessed Virgin herself, because every Mass is the Sacrifice of the God Man, dying as Man, elevating this action to a divine dignity as God, and consequently giving to it an infinite price. One is filled with respect at the definition which the Council of Trent gives to this Mystery. What majesty, what grandeur in every word ! " Because in the Divine Sacrifice which is comprised in the Mass, Jesus Christ, Who was immolated but once in a bloody manner on the Cross, is contained and immolated in an unbloody manner, the Holy Synod teaches that this Sacrifice is truly expiatory, and that by Its means, if we approach God with a sincere faith we will obtain mercy, grace and help at our need. The Lord, indeed, appeased by the oblation of this Sacrifice, in according to us the grace and the gift of repentance, pardons our sins and crimes, however great, because It is the same and only Victim Who was offered upon the Cross, Who offers Himself to-day by the ministry of the priest. The manner of the oblation only is different. By this Sacrifice we receive abundantly the fruits of the Bloody oblation—far from its being, as Protestants assert, only a commemoration. This is the reason why, according to the tradition of the Apostles, It is offered not only for our sins and other necessities, but also for the dead who, though in the grace of God, are not yet fully justified."

What consoling words ! But Jesus Christ dies no more, suffers no more. In what then, consists the Sacrifice ? If Faith but penetrate the veils of the Mystery, you will see Jesus Christ triumphant, in a state of immolation, Jesus full of Majesty, in a state of humiliation, Jesus all Power-