

# 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.

- Sept. 17, Sunday XV after Pent. and 3d of September. Feast of the Seven Dolours of the B. V. Mary.
- 18, Monday. S. Joseph Cupertino Conf.
- 19, Tuesday. S. S. Januarius and his companions Martyrs
- 20, Ember Wednesday. S. Agapitus P & C.
- 21, Thursday. St. Matthew Apost. and Evang.
- 22, Ember Friday. S. Thomas of Villanova Bish. Conf.
- 23, Ember Saturday. S. Lucius Pope & Mart.

## The Rite

Of Blessing a New Church or Public Oratory, so that the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass may be celebrated therein.

*From the Roman Ritual.*

The Celebrant attired in suitable Vestments of a white colour, and preceded by the Cross in the midst of two Acolytes, bearing lighted tapers, the Clergy and his attendants, advances to the principal Gate of the Church or Oratory, where standing opposite the Church with his head uncovered, he says the following prayer,

Direct we beseech thee, O Lord, our actions by Thy inspirations, and prosper them by Thy assistance, that every prayer and work of ours, may always begin from Thee, and that what we have begun, may by Thee be ended. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

He then begins the Antiphon. *Asperges me Domine.* Thou wilt sprinkle me, O Lord, and I shall be cleansed; Thou wilt wash me and I shall be made whiter than snow.

The Clergy then recite alternately the

PSALM L.  
*Miserere.*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy.

And according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my iniquity.

Wash me yet more from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my iniquity, and my sin is always before me.

To thee only have I sinned, and have done evil before thee: that thou mayest be justified in thy words, and mayest overcome when thou art judged.

For behold I was conceived in iniquities; and in sins did my mother conceive me.

For behold thou hast loved truth: the uncertain and hidden things of thy wisdom thou hast made manifest to me.

Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed: thou shalt wash me and I shall be made whiter than snow.

To my hearing thou shalt give joy and gladness: and the bones that have been humbled shall rejoice.

Turn away thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create a clean heart in me, O God; and renew a right spirit within my bowels.

Cast me not away from thy face; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and strengthen me with a perfect spirit.

I will teach the unjust thy ways; and the wicked shall be converted to thee.

Deliver me from blood, O God, thou God of my salvation; and my tongue shall extol thy justice.

O Lord thou wilt open my lips: and my mouth shall declare thy praise.

For if thou hadst desired sacrifice, I would indeed have given it: with burnt-offerings thou wilt not be delighted.

A sacrifice to God is an afflicted spirit: a contrite and humbled heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Deal favourably, O Lord, in thy good-will with Sion; that the walls of Jerusalem may be built up.

Then shalt thou accept the sacrifice of justice.