

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.

- April 30. Sunday II. after Easter, S. Catherine of Sienna, Virgin.
- May 1. Monday, SS. Philip and James, Apostles.
2. Tuesday, S. Athanasius, Bishop, Conf. and Doctor.
3. Wednesday, Finding of the Holy Cross.
4. Thursday, S. Monica, widow, mother of St. Augustine.
5. Friday, S. Pius V., Pope and Conf.
6. Saturday, S. John before the Latin Gate.

Paschal Tide.

SUNDAY OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

The second Sunday after Easter is so called from the following Gospel (John x. 11, 16) which is read at Mass, and with which the Epistle of the day from 1 Peter ii. 21 beautifully corresponds.

“At that time: Jesus said to the Pharisees: I am the good shepherd! The good shepherd giveth his life for his sheep. But the hireling, and he that is not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming and leaveth the sheep, and flieth, and the wolf catcheth, and scattereth the sheep: and he hireling flieth because he is a hire-

ling; and he hath no care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd: and I know mine, and mine know me. As the Father knoweth me, and I know the Father: and I lay down my life for my sheep. And other sheep I have, that are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice, and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.”

What profound instructions and moving exhortations are found in this gospel of the Good Shepherd! Jesus describes himself in describing all the qualities of the true shepherd. He most accurately traces the difference between the zealous Pastor and the hireling. He also describes the marks by which those sheep who belong to the true fold maybe known and their various duties towards their shepherds, and he closes with a consoling prophecy regarding those “other sheep” which are ‘not of his fold,’ but whom he ‘must bring and they shall hear his voice, and there will be but one sheep-fold and one shepherd.’

What are the qualities of a good shepherd according to Him who is by excellence, ‘the Bishop and Paters of our souls?’

To know his sheep.

To feed his sheep.