

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.

- May 7. Sunday III. after Easter, Feast of the patronage of St. Joseph.
8. Monday, Apparition of St. Michael the Archangel.
9. Tuesday, St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bp. Confessor and Doctor.
10. Wednesday, St. Antoninus Bishop and Confessor.
11. Thursday, St. Alexander I. Pope and Martyr.
11. Friday, SS. Nereus, Achilleus and Domitilla, Martyrs.
12. Saturday, S. Stanislaus, Bp. and Mart. (from 7th inst.)

Spiritual Maxims for May.

From St. Vincent of Paul.

1.

We should give our first care to our salvation, and our own perfection, in imitation, of the Son of God who began by *doing good*.

2.

A natural inclination makes us require that things which are advantageous to us should be done quickly. This, however, we should repress, in order to accustom ourselves to the practice of holy indifference, and to leave to God the care of manifesting his will, being assured that when God wishes an affair to succeed, delays will not injure it, and that the less industry there is on our part the more there will be of the wisdom and power of God.

3.

Oh! what a little thing is required to become a Saint! We have only to do in all things the will of God.

4.

Should we not consider perseverance in our vocation, success in our business, victory in our temptations, to return to God after we fall into a sin, in a word, final perseverance in the grace of God, and the acquisition of eternal bliss—all, as effects solely produced by prayer.

5.

We charm the hearts of men, and gain them over by teaching them with meekness, and in an humble manner.

6.

Every one should say to himself, Though I should have all virtues, if I do not possess humility, I deceive myself, and whilst I consider myself virtuous I am only a proud Pharisee.

7.

We are happy when the Lord places us in a condition to honour his poverty by ours; we are then under the happy necessity of depending in all things on Divine providence. We have a thousand opportunities of relying on his bounty, of sympathizing with the miseries of the poor, and of practising many acts of patience, humility, mortification, and conformity to the will of God.

8.

Our Lord Jesus Christ would not give permission to him who had be-