

# THE CROSS.



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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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## CALENDAR.

JANUARY 26—Sexagesima Sunday—Vespers of the following day.  
 ... 27—Monday, St. Vitellanus, Pope and Confessor.  
 ... 28—Tuesday, Feast of the Most Sacred name of Jesus.  
 ... 29—Wednesday, St. Francis DeSales, Bishop and Confessor.  
 ... 30—Thursday, St. Felix, Pope and Confessor.  
 ... 31—Friday, St. Peter, Nolascus, Confessor.  
 February 1—St. Ignatius, Bishop and Martyr.

## LITERATURE.

### THE ENCLOSED GARDEN.—A TALE.

#### CHAPTER I.

ONCE upon a time there were three children, and they were all born of one mother. Like her, they were fair and comely, and there was a joyousness and brightness in their eyes, which showed that health and happiness was theirs, and that the buoyancy of dear childhood was fresh and brightly glowing within them.

Their mother was fair and spotless, and she loved her children with the truest love; and they loved her in return, and watched every expression of her countenance, smiling as she smiled on them, and obedient to her least commands. And she was as well worthy of their love; for she had borne them in her arms from infancy, and having clothed them in milk-white garments, she was ever with them, leading them by the hand, and pouring into their tender ears a thousand motives of love, which took root in a good soil, and gave promise that one day, good and comely fruit of virtue should flow from an so fair and early a promise. For, her great pleasure was to teach them how to walk in the paths of virtue, and how they might keep unstained.

the robe of innocence, with which she had clothed them.

Now the way she took to teach them this, was a secret way, which she had long ago learned from her Spouse, who, when He went away to heaven, had solemnly consigned to her the conduct of his dear and much loved offspring; for, in his place she was set, and her only care was to honor and fulfil his commands, by meek obedience to his words, and by honoring in these pledges of love, his beloved memory. For when he lived with her he charged her with many things which she was to do. How she was to remember his words, which were always sweet and full of most gracious kindness, and how she was to teach these to their mutual children, that so they might be like her, and come to him when death should call them away, to be happy with him for ever in heaven.

And lest at any time they should be at a loss in his absence, he gave to his beloved Spouse, a vast treasury, in which, all that was good and of value was stored up; much gold, and sweet gums, and silver, and precious stones, all of which were endowed with such virtue that whosoever used them, were saved from many dangers—nevertheless, they had this further property of communicating their gifts to the user, so that whosoever made use of his gold became refined,—whosoever used his gums became redolent of sweet incense. His silver gave purity, and his precious stones afforded to each the several properties of the gem he wore. His wealth was inexhaustible; and though his spouse was never so lavish, yet she seemed never to have come to an end of riches,—or rather, the more she gave the more rich she seemed to become. For what she gave away to her children, grew into a