

PRAYERS TO BE SAID BEFORE MASS.

† Blessed be the Holy and undivided Trinity, now and forever more—Amen.

Come, O Holy Ghost, replenish the hearts of thy faithful and enkindle in them the fire of thy divine love.

V. Send forth thy Spirit and they shall be regenerated.

R. And thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Our Father—Hail Mary—&c. &c.

Acts of Faith, Hope, Charity, and Contrition.

AN ACT OF FAITH.

I believe that there is one God, in three distinct persons; the Father—the Son—and the Holy Ghost; that the Son was made man, by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the blessed Virgin Mary; that he died the death of the cross for the salvation of mankind, that he arose from the dead according to the scriptures, and ascended into Heaven, from whence he shall come again to judge all men, to reward the good with everlasting happiness in Heaven, and to punish the wicked with torments in hell for all eternity. I also believe whatever else the Catholic Church believes and teaches; because thou, O God, who art the source of truth and power, hast erected it upon a rock, and promised that the gates of hell should not prevail against it, and that the Holy Ghost should teach it all truth, and that thou thyself would remain with it even to the end of the world.

AN ACT OF HOPE.

O my God, relying on thy infinite power, goodness, and mercy, and on the infinite merits of the death and passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ, I trust that I shall obtain par-