

forget to show themselves to the priests, and to offer thanksgiving to Jesus their benefactor.

The deaf hear, the dumb speak : A deaf-mute is brought to the Saviour. He draws him aside puts His finger in his ear, touches his tongue and instantly he hears and speaks. It is in the confessional that the priest, in the name of God opens the religious sense, makes truth heard, while Jesus Himself at the Holy Table touches the tongue and gratitude unlocks its muteness and makes even childish tongues eloquent. Verily by the Eucharist the deaf hear, the dumb speak.

It often happens that we do not know how to speak to Jesus because we do not know how to listen to Him. We do not listen enough to Jesus in prayer or Communion, so His voice as well as His inspirations pass unheeded. If we listened more, if we were more recollected we would hear Jesus, we would answer Him and we would pray better and more fully enjoy His presence.

The dead arise : The Gospel only relates three resurrections though the Son of God must have operated many more. Still these suffice to recall and figure the different degrees of spiritual death of various souls in mortal sin.

The first is that of the Prince of the Synagogue's daughter. She was still on her death bed but had breathed her last. This typifies a recent sin, a first fall. A good director, a spiritual father seeing that girl forget herself and fall, goes to Jesus tearfully imploring : " Lord Jesus my daughter has just died, deign to raise her to life again." Jesus answers by arousing in her during a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, or Mass graces of compunction, she weeps her fault and arises again.

The second, that of the Son of the widow of Naim, who was in his bier when Jesus restored him to life, figures an unfortunate young man carried away by his passions, whose wicked habits lead to perdition, perhaps even to death. But his mother still lives and like the widow of Naim weeps and prays for his resurrection... Believe it, Jesus is not insensible to those bewailing spiritual deaths. It is impossible that the Son of so many tears and prayers be lost forever. Jesus will give him back to his mother, will raise him from the dead as he did the widow's son.