

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. 6. 14.

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Weekly Calendar.

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- Jan. 1. Monday, Circumcision of our Lord, and Octave of Christmas, Holiday of obligation.
 2. Tuesday, Octave day of St. Stephen.
 3. Wednesday, Octave day of St. John, the Apostle and Evangelist.
 4. Thursday, Octave day of Holy Innocents.
 5. Friday, Vigil of the Epiphany.
 6. Saturday, Epiphany of Our Lord, Holiday of obligation.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. MARY'S.

The Great Festival of the Nativity of our Lord was celebrated with becoming splendour at St. Mary's. On Christmas Eve, as well as on the Festival itself, a vast number of the Faithful approached the Holy Communion. After Solemn Vespers on Sunday the Bishop preached, and gave a Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament. In the evening he presided at the chanting of the Matins for Christmas Day, at which beautiful Service the whole Cathedral was crowded to excess.—There was a Pontifical High Mass on the Festival of Christmas, which was celebrated by Dr. Walsh at 11 o'clock, and after the Second Vespers of the Feast, he gave benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament. The pealing of the Organ, which had been silent during the Advent, had a fine effect on Christmas morning.

THE CIRCUMCISION.

"You are circumcised with circumcision not made by hand, but in the circumcision of Christ (the circumcision of the heart); buried with him in Baptism. You are dead, but your life is hid with Christ in God."

"Thou shalt call his name for he shall save his people from their sins;—neither is there salvation in any other."

O God! who by the fruitful virginity of the blessed Mary hast bestowed on mankind the new era of eternal salvation, grant, we beseech thee, that we may experience the benefits of her intercession, by whom we have been found worthy to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, who,

Victis sibi coguntur, etc.

Let tyrants assume the name of the nations which they enslave: How much more glorious for thee, O Jesus! to receive thine from the deliverance thou bringest to thy people!

There is no other name, which frail mortals should invoke; no other whereby, when dead, they can rise again, and live for ever.

Shall we then—a senseless people—render useless to us, by our fault, what cost him so much? what he purchased with his blood?