

# 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.

- April 23. Low Sunday, Octave of Easter.  
24, Monday, S. Fidelis of Sigmaringa Mart.  
25, Tuesday, S. Mark, Evangelist. Litanies of the Saints recited.  
26, Wednesday, SS. Cletus and Marcellinus Popes and Martyrs.  
27, Thursday, S. Anastasius I. Pope and Confessor.  
28, Friday, S. Leo the Great (from the 11th Pope, Confessor and Doctor.  
29, Saturday, S. Peter, Martyr.

## Paschal Time.

### LOW SUNDAY.

After the solemn benediction of the Baptismal Font on Holy Saturday, the Sacrament of Baptism is administered and the new members of the Church after they have been washed in the laver of regeneration, are clothed in white garments to denote the stainless purity of the grace they have received, and their bounden duty to preserve unsullied the precious whiteness of this Baptismal robe. In former times the Eves of Easter and Pentecost were the principal seasons for the administration of the holy rites of Baptism, and when the regenerated Catechumens were clothed in the garment of righteousness, they continued to wear them, in those

days, during the entire Easter week, and as they appeared for the last time with them in the Church on the Sunday, the Octave Day of Easter, that day was called *Dominica in albis* or "The Sunday in white garments," a name which it still retains in the Roman Missal. The memory of this ancient and venerable custom is still preserved in the Church. In the ceremonial of Baptism, immediately after the Sacrament is administered, and the crown of the head anointed with the sacred chrism—an unction significative of the regal and sacerdotal dignity to which the child of God is raised—the minister of the Church places a white garment on the newly-baptised, saying, "Receive this white garment which mayest thou carry unstained before the judgment seat of our Lord Jesus Christ, that thou mayest have eternal life Amen." This is a season, therefore, at which every Christian should be forcibly reminded of the grace and obligations of his Baptism, and the thanksgiving he owes to God for having been called to the true Faith, and made a member of the Holy Catholic Church, that glorious Society, of all ages and nations. For, we were all "children of wrath" we were all "conceived in iniquity and in sin. "None was clean"