

# 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.

- MARCH 14—Sunday—IV of Lent.  
 15—Monday—St. Zachary P. and Conf.  
 16—Tuesday—St. Thomas of Aquin Conf. and Doct.  
 17—Wednesday—St. Patrick Bishop and Conf., Apostle of Ireland, (1 class Holiday with obligation of hearing Mass.)  
 18—Thursday—St. Gabriel, Archangel.  
 19—Friday—St. Joseph Conf. Spouse of B. V. M.  
 20—Saturday—Most Precious Blood of our Lord J. C.

## GATHOLIC IDOLATRY AND SUPERSTITION.

Our ears have been recently stunned by the dissonant chorus and fearful yells of the Protestant Press, against the superstition, idolatry, and soul-dabasing doctrines of the priest-ridden papists: The "criminal" of the Guardian, and the united "Protestant ignorance" of the Times—"Doctor Martin" and his priest-catchling correspondent—Gossip and Coade, and the brawling Parson of the Round Church—the voracious Post, and its secret scribblers—the Christian Messenger, and the two precious limbs of the law—who dip so deeply in its turbid pages:

—Stiphelumque, Bromumque.  
 Antmachumque, Helumumque, securiferumque Pyracmon."  
 All have joined in this unchristian outcry against us.

Now, in order to give full scope to their holy bellowings, we have resolved on publishing the following Litany of Anathemas, and we call upon the entire pack of bigots to prepare their most dismal howls, for the various responses which we subjoin:

### LITANY OF ANATHEMAS.

I. CURSED is he who commits idolatry; who prays to images or relics, or worships them for God.—R. Amen.

II. Cursed is every goddess worshipper, who believes the Virgin Mary to be any more than a creature; who worships her or puts his trust in her more than God; who believes her above her Son, or that she can in anything command him.—R. Amen.

III. Cursed is he who believes the Saints in heaven to be his redeemers; who prays to them as such; or who gives God's honour to them, or to any creature whatsoever.—R. Amen.

IV. Cursed is he who worships any bidden god, or makes gods of the empty elements of bread and wine.—R. Amen.

V. Cursed is he who believes that priests can forgive his sins, whether he repent or not; or that there is any power on earth or heaven that can forgive sins, without a hearty repentance, and serious purpose of amendment.—R. Amen.

VI. Cursed is he who believes there is authority in the Pope or any other person, that can give leave to commit sin, or that for a sum of money can forgive him his sins.—R. Amen.

VII. Cursed is he who believes that, independent of the merits and passion of Christ, he can obtain salvation by his own good works, or make condign satisfaction for the guilt of his sins or the pains eternally due to them.—R. Amen.

VIII. Cursed is he who contemns the word of God, or who hides it from the people, in order to keep them from the knowledge of their duty, and to preserve them in ignorance and error.—R. Amen.

IX. Cursed is he who undervalues the word of God, or that forsaking Scripture, chooses rather to follow human traditions than it.—R. Amen.

X. Cursed is he who leaves the commandments of God, to observe the constitutions of men.—R. Amen.

XI. Cursed is he who omits any of the ten commandments, or keeps the people from the knowledge of any one of them, to the end that they may not have occasion of discovering the truth.—R. Amen.

XII. Cursed is he who preaches to the people in unknown tongues, such as they understand not, or uses any other means of keeping them in ignorance.—R. Amen.

XIII. Cursed is he that believes that the Pope can give to any upon any occasion whatsoever, dispensations to lie or swear falsely; or that it is lawful for any, at the last hour, to protest himself innocent, in case he be guilty.—R. Amen.

XIV. Cursed is he who encourages sin, or teaches men to delay for the amendment of their lives on presumption of a death-bed repentance.—R. Amen.

XV. Cursed is he who teaches men that they may be lawfully drunk on a Friday or any other fasting day, though they may not taste the least bit of flesh.—R. Amen.

XVI. Cursed he who places religion in nothing but a pompous show, consisting only, in ceremonies; and which teaches not the people to serve God in spirit and truth.—R. Amen.

XVII. Cursed is he who loves or promotes cruelty; that teaches people to be bloody-minded, and to lay aside the meekness of Jesus Christ.—R. Amen.