

tion to Mary. Preserve us from sin, make us pious, humble, patient, charitable ; fill our hearts with all the virtues that thou sawest shine in thine Immaculate Daughter. Hereafter may our angels be able to call each of us : Child of Good St Anne, Child of Mary, Child of Paradise.

*7 Ave to congratulate St Anne and her Immaculate Daughter upon the great things the Almighty has worked in them.*



## THE HOLY TIME OF ADVENT

How beautiful is the Catholic religion ! What divine harmony exists in its teaching, its laws, its sacraments, its prayers, through out its liturgy ! And yet how few, even among the learned faithful, take the trouble to know it better, to love and practise it better ! Is not the practice of religion an apprenticeship on earth of heaven ? Does not our duty as Christians lie in contemplating to-day by the light of faith the mysteries that we hope to contemplate eternally by the light of glory ? These mysteries are successively offered by the Church to our meditation and imitation in the cycle of the liturgical year beginning with the first Sunday of Advent. Observe the admirable order that presides over this harmonious succession :

The mission of the Catholic Church consists in continuing on earth the redeeming work of Jesus-Christ. Now, through an inspiration of the Holy Ghost who governs her always, she has judged that she should for the greater good of her children place before their eyes every year the whole life and teaching of our divine Savior. She has therefore taken the Gospels, has co-ordinated their contents so as to form a mystical calendar called the Christian year, or the liturgical year, or the ecclesiastical year.

This Christian year founded by Holy Church upon that Sun of Justice who is Jesus-Christ and whereof the solar year is really but a figure and humble support, this Christian year causes us to witness in its cycle or course, the expectation of the Savior by the patriarchs and by all the people of the old world, then the birth of the Promised one, the Desired of nations ; it spreads before the eyes of our faith the mysteries of His birth and hidden life. Following its mysterious revolution, she takes us to the banks of the Jordan where the Son of man