



Particular Practice for the Month of February.

The Presentation and the Blessed Eucharist.



THE offering which Jesus made of Himself in the Temple of Jerusalem is repeated day and night upon the altar. The old law has passed away, the Jewish high-priest has given place to the celebrant at Holy Mass, but the Victim is the same. Our Blessed Lord ceaselessly renewing the offering which He then made of Himself, from every altar stone and every Tabernacle throughout Christianity, and as unceasingly interceding for us with God the Father.

The Holy Ghost Who whispered to the heart of Simeon, whispers now to the hearts of the faithful, telling them that Jesus is here, guiding them to His presence, and speaking to them through the medium of an ardent desire of communing with Jesus, of dwelling in His blessed company and, better still, of receiving Him into their hearts. Faith, confidence and love are instilled into Simeon's heart. Would that ours were a soul as rich and fruitful, as carefully tilled and prepared as was that of Simeon ! His preparation was, firstly, that of a devout life, just and irreproachable in the sight of God, irreproachable also in the sight of men, and in this justice consists the state of grace in which our souls should be found when we prepare not merely to hold Jesus in our arms, but to receive Him into our hearts — a state which suffices of itself to ensure the reception of the Most Holy Eucharist without sacrilege, but which has need to be perfected by the virtues of which Simeon offers us at