

should be ! But, you rejoin, if we possess nothing, nothing is given to us. What do you wish God to give you when you depend solely on your work, not even taking time to say your morning and night prayer, and being satisfied with hearing Mass on Sunday. Truly you do not know the resources of the Providence of God towards those who lovingly confide in Him. Do you wish for a striking proof thereof. Look upon me, your pastor, and examine the case before God. Oh, you will reply, it is we who give it to you. But who gives it to me if not Divine Providence ? There I find my treasures and not elsewhere. How blind man is to torment himself so only to gain unhappiness in this world and eternal damnation in the next ! Do the one thing necessary, think seriously of your salvation, assist as often as possible at Mass and you will soon learn to trust solely in the loving Providence of God.

But if I go to Mass on week days people will ridicule me and say : daily Mass is only for those who have nothing to do, or who live on their income.

You are ashamed, my friend to serve the good God through fear of being ridiculed ! Look at your crucified Saviour, ask Him if He was ashamed to die in so humiliating a manner. O cursed human respect, causing us to lose the graces the good God purchased for us by His passion and death ! Who will ridicule you ? Poor senseless, blind, unfortunate creatures. Do not fear them, they only hurt themselves without injuring you ; pity them, but above all, do not let their ridicule prevent you from amassing the precious graces and blessings daily Mass bestows. If there were only one Church where the Holy Sacrifice was celebrated, we should envy those at the door of that Church. My brethren, we are this chosen people, we are at the door of that holy place where God immolates Himself each day. Do we appreciate our privilege ? Do we profit by it ? Alas ! to gain a few *francs* we will walk miles, but to hear Mass on week days we will not take a few extra steps. Where is our faith ? Graces of predilection lie at our hand, yet we do not stretch out to gather them. Let us take care lest God withdraw them from us to give them to those who would appreciate them more.