

soul, your prayers, your joys, your sufferings, sorrows and trials to His ; come to love Him, console Him, bless Him, thank Him, petition Him ; no matter how often you come, or what special intention may bring you, you will always find His mercy and His grace, you will always be consoled and strengthened.

And on days of Benediction and Exposition, which are for Jesus, days of Reception, of Epiphany do not fail to come and visit Him more solemnly with the Magi. When you cross the threshold of the Church, this new Jerusalem, if you ask the guardian, where is He who is just born, King of the Jews ; he will show you the altar where the Holy Reserve is kept, but scarcely will you have taken a step or two, before the sanctuary lamp shining like a star in the firmament of the Church, will guide you to the mystical Crib, and you will cast yourself before it like the Magi to adore the Infant God. Like them also you will open the treasures of your hearts and offer Him the gold of charity, the incense of prayer, the myrrh of mortification ; you will worship Him as Man, as King, as God ; you will make a voluntary offering to beautify His Crib, to entertain more befittingly His sanctuary and that of His Mother ; He will accept the tribute of your fealty, the homage of your love, and bestow on you His promised " peace on earth to men of good will."

Doubtless the Magi would have been glad to prolong their stay and their adoration at Bethlehem, but duty recalled them and they returned by another way. You also, dear readers, recalled by your families and duties, you cannot remain always in adoration with the Angels, but like the Magi must quit the holy place, and return to your daily avocations, fortunate when you return more joyously, more courageously not compelled by some domestic tyrant, jealous even of God, Himself, to return by another way.

However that may be, always return by another way, a gentler way. After having communed with the Infant God, you will leave feeling better, calmer, happier, you will carry His spirit and His Charity with you, and be better disposed to do good and to contribute your share to glorify God and to save the souls of others by saving your own.