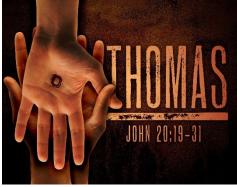
To Many the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass No Longer Has Meaning



"Beloved daughter, to many the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass no longer has meaning. These have lost that spiritual sensitivity of reaching out and touching the wounded hand of my Son. In a special way, during the Holy Sacrifice Jesus comes in close contact with those who meet Him in a profound act of faith in a deep sense of His Divine and human presence. It is a great loss when one loses the spiritual sight of the Son that the Father sent to guide us into the Eternal Vision. (April 3, 1981) (Sr. Mildred Mary Neuzil, The Diary, OUR LADY OF AMERICA, Tiffin, OH, Pg. 40.)

After His Resurrection, Jesus appeared to His frightened apostles in the Upper Room and showed them the nail wounds in His hands and feet and the wound in His side so they would believe He had risen. Thomas, who had been absent, said: "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." (John 20:25) At Jesus' second appearance, He bid Thomas do just that, whereupon Thomas fell on his knees and made that profound act of Faith: "My Lord and my God." At every Mass, when the priest raises the host, it is Jesus Himself, the Eternal High Priest, who says: "Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body, which will be given up for you." In the miracle of transubstantiation, the substance of earthly bread is changed, by the power of the Holy Spirit, into the Body of Christ, our heavenly Bread, food for our souls and medicine for salvation. We make the same profession of faith in Christ's Real Presence as Thomas did: "My Lord and my God!"

We are called to exercise our baptismal priesthood by laying our own lives upon the altar in collaboration with the Redeemer as victims in atonement for sin. Jesus is the only Redeemer, but we all must collaborate, co-operate with His redemptive work in the Mystical Body of Christ. In the message of Our Lady of America Jesus says: "Choose, and as you choose, so shall it be done. I will not force your free will, for that is yours to use as you desire." (The Diary, Pg. 7.) In other words, Jesus has paid the ransom and placed His merits in the treasury of the Church, but we must freely go and draw it out; we must help others to do the same. Baptized into the family of God, we become responsible for the members of Christ's Mystical Body. All the baptized are called to cooperate in the work of subjective

redemption, the application of the fruits of the cross to individual souls. Christ's work of redemption is complete but our acceptance of and participation in it are not. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the greatest prayer of the Church and our most powerful prayer for the conversion of sinners and the salvation of souls. It is the best way we have of sharing in Christ's redemptive work. How we should treasure the Eucharist as the source and summit of the Christian life.

Let us close our bodily eyes and see with the eyes of our souls the mystery that unfolds on every altar. Let us pray the Mass!



Church bells beckon us to the Lord's banquet, a foretaste of the wedding feast of the Lamb in heaven. We wash the hands of our souls during the penitential rite, then feast on the Word



of God in the Scripture readings and the homily before feasting on the bread from heaven. Where Jesus is, the Trinity is, and where Jesus is, His Mystical Body, the communion of saints, is also present. We never pray alone. The Father and the Holy Spirit hover over the priest and the altar, holding the Beloved Son on His cross as a sign of their infinite love and mercy for all mankind. Mary, holier in the order of grace than any priest, kneels off to the right of the priest in respect for the great dignity of the priest who shares in the Eternal Priesthood of Christ. Though not visible in this image, we can be sure that St. Joseph, Virgin-Father of Jesus and Virgin-Spouse of His Mother, would be kneeling to the left of the priest as well. We place ourselves upon the paten with the bread to be offered as the fruit of

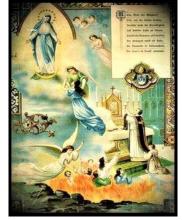
our labors. As the priest calls down the Spirit to sanctify these gifts, changing them from bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ, we ask the Holy Spirit to change us, too, into the likeness of Christ so pleasing to the Father. This New Covenant Passover meal of the Last Supper and the perfect sacrifice of the Lamb of God on the cross of Calvary are united and made present on our altar in an unbloody manner as a memorial of Christ's Passion and death and Resurrection. Let it be a memorial on the altars of our hearts as well.

At the words of consecration, the whole communion of saints, gathered around the altar in silence, bows in adoration of the Son of God made flesh on our altar. Angels descend from heaven to pay homage to Him and then return to their celestial choirs to sing God's unending praises. The poor souls are pleading from the foot of the altar for our prayers for their release from the purifying fires of purgatory. They cannot help themselves; they need us. We sit in our pews, attentive or distracted, and ignorant that our guardian angels, assigned to be with us forever unless we separate ourselves from God, sit at our side waiting for us to send them on a mission. They walk with us to the table of the Lord, carrying golden bowls with our prayers of praise, thanksgiving, contrition and petition to the Lord, the giver of all good gifts. Some bowls are full and some are empty. How blessed are those who love Our Lady and St. Joseph, the two human hearts dearest to Jesus, and bid our angels to take our bowls of praise and intercession first to Our Lady to be adorned with her purity, then to St. Joseph for his paternal blessing before presenting them to Jesus to be covered with His Most Precious Blood and given to His Holy Spirit to groan and travail before the throne of the Father for all our needs.

From the Hebrew Testament we know the king can never refuse his Queen-Mother, and that she rules over His kingdom with Him. Hence, we make special intercession to Mary, Queen of heaven and earth, for all our needs. Mary and Joseph were the first human beings to offer Jesus back to the Father; hence, we join with them at every Mass in renewing that offering of the Firstborn of God to His Father on behalf of us all. God wanted us to have a gift worthy of Himself, so He gave us His Beloved Son to give back to Him. To prepare ourselves for Holy Communion, we follow the example of St. Louis de Montfort who begged Our Lady to give him her Heart, the only human heart truly worthy to receive the Lord, because God had made her so for His own delight. Hers was the only immaculate flesh from which Christ could take a body, for not the slightest impurity could touch the Divine One. In this year of St. Joseph, we bid him, too, stand at the door of our hearts and open them wide

for Our Lord to enter in, along with all the sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus. At every Eucharist Jesus offers every soul His infinite mercy and love, His most Sacred Heart as a refuge for sinners.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart began when the Father sent His Beloved Son into the world for our salvation, and when Jesus' Most Sacred Heart was split open with a lance on Calvary and His Most Precious Blood was poured out as the cup of our salvation. Our lives would be commingled with His like water and wine at the Mass. Our souls would be marked for life with the blood of the Lamb. St. Margaret Mary is considered the apostle



of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the whole Church, but four centuries earlier Jesus had espoused to Himself St. Gertrude and made her the herald of His great love made manifest in His Divine and human Heart. He impressed His Sacred Wounds upon her heart. He sent rays of light like darts from His wounded side to pierce her Heart and free her of all earthly desires. He exchanged her poor heart for His so she might love as He loves. On the feast of St. John, the beloved apostle, He appeared with John who bid Gertrude rest her head on the bosom of the Lord, as he did. Jesus showed Gertrude His Heart as a harp upon which the Spirit plays, a fountain to refresh souls, a golden thurible with as many fragrant incenses as there are races of people. But most of all, he confided to her His love for the poor souls and promised to release 1,000 souls from purgatory each time the following prayer is said. Jesus promised to honor anyone who honors Gertrude, His beloved spouse.

"Eternal Father, I offer you the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus Christ, in union with all the masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, those in the Universal Church, those in my own home, and within my family."

May our guardian angels place this prayer for us on every altar where Mass is offered throughout the world, back to the Last Supper and on to the Supper of the Lamb, for the release of 1,000 souls from purgatory, and for the conversion of as many sinners as Jesus shed drops of blood in His bitter Passion. Rest assured; Jesus loves this prayer.

Lord Jesus, I adore you profoundly. (three times) I acknowledge your Presence in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I raise my spirit to adore you, I adore you in all the altars throughout the world, present, past and future, in all the holy masses that are being offered, those that have been offered and those that will ever be offered in time and in eternity. I adore you in the Immaculate Heart of Mary, in my heart, and in all the hearts that are receiving you, that have received you and that will ever receive you. You are truly here, truly present in Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. You are present here with God the Father and with the Holy Spirit. You are our fountain of Grace, Mercy and Salvation. Before your open heart I come to open my heart to worship you, my Lord. With humility I come before your Holy Presence. Lord, I invoke the assistance of the Blessed Virgin Mary, of all the angels and the saints... Blessed Virgin Mary, Most Holy Mother of God, tabernacle of the Divinity, temple of the Holy Glory of God, City of God, Mother Zion, Sacred Temple of the Most Holy Trinity, I come to worship the Lord with you, with all the angels and saints. Allow us to enter into your Immaculate Heart, the temple of the Most High. https://www.theworkofgod.org/Devotns/Euchrist/adoration_blessed_sacrament.htm

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