

ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Traditional Latin Mass: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM



Most Reverend Daniel L. Dolan, Pastor
Rev. Anthony Cekada, Rev. Charles McGuire,
Rev. Vili Lehtoranta, Rev. Stephen McKenna

July 13, 2014 Pentecost V

St Anacletus, PM



BE RECONCILED TO THY BROTHER

¶ TODAY

After the High Mass this morning, join us in Helfta Hall for refreshments as we say farewell to the Sisters who helped to make Girls' Camp a success. The girls will present a brief musical program for your enjoyment.

Vespers & Benediction are at 4:45 PM. Our Fatima Rosary procession for peace begins at 7:15 PM, at Union Centre Blvd. & Floer Drive in West Chester. If the weather is uncooperative, the Rosary will be recited in church.

¶ ALTER CHRISTUS



Thank you for your generous almsgiving this month! \$384.00 was received, enough to provide 19 Mass stipends for the support and sanctification of priests.

Precious Blood, shed to the very last drop by the opening of His Sacred Heart, give me that generous love that sacrifices all for God.

¶ THE SUMMER NOVENA

We continue our Summer Novena, consisting of the traditional **Thirteen Tuesdays of St. Anthony** and Novena to **Our Lady of Perpetual Help**, on **Tuesday** after the 8 AM & 5 PM Masses.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY:

The blessing of expectant mothers will be available after all Masses. Vespers and Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

Set Your Missal: Pentecost VI, with commemoration of St. Jerome Emilian and St. Margaret. Trinity Preface.

Lumen Christi

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament for the next fortnight for the following intention:

**My own peace and health
and for all my relatives & friends
who suffer from illnesses**

(Korry Hsii)

"Every time that a creature offers the Blood by which she was redeemed, she offers to God a gift of infinite value, surpassing all other gifts."

— St Mary Magdalen de Pazzi

¶ WE GET LETTERS...

"Thanks for all that you do to guide Catholics through these "Tumultuous Times." We have been benefiting greatly from many of your wonderful sermons and talks on the Internet. I play some of Bishop Dolan's sermons for our children at dinnertime some evenings, and my husband and I listen to others when the kids are in bed. I love them! Please pray for us! We pray for you."

— A correspondent family from the West Coast



Congratulations to Robyn and Christopher Patton on the baptism of their daughter, Leia Bernadette, on 6/29/14; and to Megan and David Mann on the baptism of their son, Brock Anthony, on 7/6/2014.

¶ OUR SICK

Richard Smith recently had a bad fall which necessitated a trip to the emergency room and stitches. He and Elizabeth have a difficult time of things, but are still holding their own. Laura Rios is having surgery tomorrow. Tom Dennis is also in need of our prayers. Dr. Jack Powell is now at home, on oxygen, and doing pretty well.

¶ WEDDING BELLS

Lauren Ribar called recently to ask me to publish the **Wedding Banns** for herself and Andy Hille in preparation for their upcoming marriage. Both of these young people were raised at St. Gertrude the Great, and Andy still often attends here. Lauren's father, Mike, is the president of the group which left St. Gertrude five years ago, and now operates its own church served by priests from CMRI. Andy's parents, Dennis & Jeanne, are active at St. Gertrude. But I am sure we all join together in wishing the young couple every grace for their upcoming nuptials.



¶ DEATH NOTICES

Please remember †Florence Scott, the grandmother of the Lynch family, who died this past Monday after a long illness. Although not a Catholic, Florence faithfully attended Mass with the family. May she rest in peace. Please remember the family in your prayers. We also received word of the death of †Nathan Schoeck in Germany, who leaves a wife and two young children. I

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

remember Nathan as a child in the 1980s, attending my Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Chapel in Traverse City, Michigan. Later he came to Cincinnati to attend St. Gertrude's Academy. May he rest in peace. †Bishop Oliver Oravec of Slovakia, a figure in the traditional movement, has died as well. May God grant him eternal rest.



HOME ENTHRONEMENT

Congratulations to Frank & Laura Rios of Burlington, Kentucky who recently had their new home blessed, and enthroned the Sacred Heart of Jesus as King of Love. One of the Fathers would be happy to visit *your* home for this grace-filled blessing. Give us a call. Make Christ to reign as King in every home.



WARS AND WARS

“If the cause be not good, the king himself hath a heavy reckoning to make, when all those legs and arms and heads, chopped off in battle, shall join together at the latter day and cry all ‘We died at such a place;’ some swearing, some crying for a surgeon, some upon their wives left poor behind them, some upon the debts they owe, some upon their children rawly left. I am afraid there are few die well that die in a battle; for how can they charitably dispose of any thing, when blood is their argument? Now, if these men do not die well, it will be a black matter for the king that led them to it....”

— Henry V, act 4, scene I

Collection Report

Sunday, July 6th \$4,486.00
Second Collection \$952.00

✠ THE POETRY CORNER

THE SAVING FLOOD

As over all the earth there pours
The sunshine in a golden flood,
So over hearts in showers of grace
There falls the saving Precious Blood.

The fields and orchards and the woods
Are kindled 'neath the sun's warm rays.
So at the touch of Christ's dear Blood
Grow fruits and flowers along life's ways.

Oh, when we see the ruddy dawn
Or sunset's glorious sky of red,
Our thoughts should turn unto that Heart
Which for us all its lifeblood shed!

— S. Marr



LOVE'S SOLACE

Silently He lingers,
Where sacerdotal fingers
Have placed Him on His lowly altar-throne;
Bowing low before Him,
Yearning hearts adore Him,
Waiting for us here in temple lone.
Now our cares seem lighter,
Sunshine gleams the brighter,
Bluer are the arching skies above;
Forgetting every sorrow,
We launch each unknown morrow,
Upon the Crimson flood-tide of His love.

— Sr. Imelda, O.S.D.



Etternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ in atonement for my sins, and in supplication for the holy souls in Purgatory and for the needs of holy Church.

(Indulgence of 3 years, if this prayer is recited during the month of JULY. — Raccolta No. 219)

OFFERING OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

Eternal Father, we offer Thee the Precious Blood of Jesus, poured out on the cross and offered daily on the altar, for the glory of Thy name, for the coming of Thy kingdom, and for the salvation of all men. Glory be to the Father ...

Praise and thanksgiving be evermore to Jesus, Who with His Blood has saved us.

✠ CATECHISM CORNER:

Read after Mass

I BELIEVE that there are seven Sacraments, namely: Baptism, Penance, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist, Extreme Unction, Holy Orders and Matrimony.

I believe that the Sacraments are outward signs instituted by Christ to give grace.

I believe that the Sacraments are the channels through which the life of God comes into my soul.

I believe that BAPTISM cleanses us from original sin, makes us Christians, children of God and heirs of Heaven. I believe that by Baptism I became a member of Christ's Mystical Body, the Church.

I believe that by Baptism I am born again, this time spiritually into another world, the world of grace.

I believe that as a baptized citizen of the Church, I take an oath of allegiance to serve under Christ, the King of all life, of all interior and social justice.

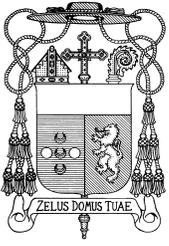
DEVOTION AT THE OFFERTORY

WHEN THE PRIEST OFFERS THE HOST

I place upon the paten my heart, the hearts of all those near and dear to me, especially the hearts of my relatives; the hearts of all those for whom I have promised to pray; the hearts of all those who have injured me; the hearts of all those whom I may have injured; the hearts of all the agonizing.

Jesus, when Thou changest the bread into Thy Body, change our hearts into hearts pleasing to Thee.

✠ THE BISHOP'S CORNER ✠



Unusually fine weather has thus far graced our July. First Friday and Saturday, Independence Day weekend, were simply sublime, and the weather has been comfortable for our girls' camp as well thus far. I write this on Thursday which features an overnight in the midst of the three action-packed days. Many thanks to the good sisters, all of our hardworking fundraisers, and all the ladies who planned and carried out this wonderful annual apostolate. I hope you will be able to greet Sr. M. Joseph and Sr. M. Anthony after the High Mass, and hear the selections offered by the Summer camp choir, always a treat.

In addition to the firecrackers last Friday, nature put on quite a show. Early in the morning a coyote downed a fawn, leaving the carcass for further snacking outside of **Fr. Cekada's** office. Eventually the beast made off with the remains but not before a vulture, perched on the little bridge, claimed the heart. Nature really does have a way of taking care of things.

Anne Marie Omlor was telling me at the Rios enthronement that she humanely trapped their groundhog, luring it with cantaloupe (to which they are said to be partial) and then releasing the critter at a park. I'll have to spread the word to our clerical hunters, who so far are empty handed. Try cantaloupe.

But when it comes to *fshing* – for souls – that's another story. How wonderful to see so many girls together for Mass three mornings last week and all day for fun and learning and activities. What a joy to conduct again the Sacred Heart enthronement for the Rios family this past Tuesday. They live on the site of the old Gripshover farm, a good Catholic family of older times, and a name still heard amongst our Kentucky cousins. Sometimes things come full circle.

Fr. McGuire reports continuing interest among the residents of Pleasant Ridge Care Center, where Kim LeBlanc lives. Several more will be receiving the Sacraments. A nice Novus Ordo lady in shorts distributes their communion, but no priest has been for many years. A fruitful field for the apostolate of a true priest. God blesses richly those who visit and comfort the sick and the elderly.

We have an unusual afternoon on offer for you today, especially considering that it is the middle of July. But Our Lady chose July 13th to ask for prayer and sacrifice. Why should not we heed the appeal? We often stress that *all day* Sunday is the Lord's Day. Why not just *give in*, and give it to Him, through Mary's Immaculate Heart, and see what happens?

Vespers are at 4:45, with Precious Blood devotions and Benediction. Then there is Mass at 5:45, and finally the

Rosary Procession at 7:15, starting in West Chester. Most of us *are* busy all day every day, but give yourself a dispensation. Give God the whole day just this **one Sunday** in reparation. A little "afternoon of recollection" which we could all use.

All that Our Lady said that July day long ago has been fulfilled. It remains for us, in this dark time, to heed her call and hasten the hour when her Immaculate Heart shall triumph.

Remember Our Lady of Mt. Carmel this Wednesday. Remember your scapular this Summer. Go with God, wherever you go this Summer, but come back today to pray with us.

May your July be a happy one, and your travels safe with Angels keeping watch.

– Bishop Dolan



WHEN the Lady came again on the 13th of July, she urged the recitation of the Rosary for the ending of the war, since **she alone could bring it about**. Some 5,000 people were present (that day), and they were informed by the children of a great miracle to be worked at the site of the apparitions in October, the month of the Rosary. During this apparition, Our Lady showed to the children the fires of hell, and then spoke these prophetic words:

"You have seen the inferno where the souls of sinners end. To save souls, God desires that devotion to my Immaculate Heart be established in the world. If what I tell you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace. The war will end: but if men do not cease to offend the Lord, not much time will elapse, and precisely during the next Pontificate, another and more terrible one will commence. When a night illuminated by an unknown light is seen, know that it is the signal which God gives you that the castigation of the world for its many transgressions is at hand, through war, famine, and persecutions of the Church and the Holy Father. To prevent this, I ask the Consecration of the world to my Immaculate Heart, and Communion in reparation on the First Saturday of each month.

"If my requests are heard, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace; otherwise great errors will be spread throughout the world, giving rise to wars and persecutions of the Church: the good will suffer martyrdom, and the Holy Father will have to suffer much: different nations will be destroyed; but in the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me. It shall be converted, and an era of peace will be conceded to humanity."

– "Fatima and the Rosary," Rev. Joseph Caccella (1947)

✠ HOW TO CONVERT AMERICA ✠

Apart from political activism (which the Church certainly encourages to help establish just societies and safeguard human rights), *what can we as Catholics do to turn things around in our admittedly erring country?*

One of the best ways to evangelize a formerly Christian country is through the practice of frequent confession and reception of the Eucharist, both of which, in addition to being sacraments, are extremely potent forms of prayer. In fact, I believe that reverent, worthy, and frequent reception of the Holy Eucharist – by **Catholics** who are in the state of grace – *could bring about a change of heart in our nation.*

Many Catholics are deterred from evangelizing by doubts about their knowledge, debating skills, and discomfort at the increasingly intolerant atmosphere of the public square. Receiving the sacraments frequently and worthily, however, is something each of us can do, with greater effect than we might think. After all, how did the first Christians gradually win hearts, minds, and souls in their own version of the Evil Empire? And remember that, unlike us, they had no political power whatsoever for at least several centuries.

Today, unfortunately, we too find ourselves living in a decaying civilization. We do not need to run through reams of statistics on marital breakdown, illegitimacy, abortion rates, pornography, and the like to make a case which is depressingly self-evident. Just look around and be honest with yourself and others. By all means be as active as possible in the world of politics and changing the culture, but *piety in the practice of your Faith is the most powerful weapon of all.* Growth in personal holiness – which will naturally include social and apostolic outreach – is perhaps the most efficacious thing you can do toward re-evangelizing the peoples of the West.

First let's look at what Sacred Scripture tells us about the Sacrament of Penance. "On the evening of the first day of the week. . . [Jesus showed himself to the apostles], breathed on them, and *He said to them; Receive ye the Holy Ghost: whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them: and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained*" (John 20:19, 22-23).

The spiritual effects of the Sacrament of Penance are reconciliation with God, by which the penitent recovers grace, remission of the eternal punishment incurred by mortal sins, peace and serenity of conscience and spiritual serenity, spiritual consolation, and very importantly, an increase in spiritual strength for the Christian Battle. And it is not only mortal sins that we should bring to this sacrament. By confessing venial sins, we grow in self-knowledge and humility as well as receiving grace to help us withstand future temptations and advance in holiness.

We all know people who have fallen away from the Catholic faith. Indeed, they number in the tens of millions – the second largest "religious" group after Catholics themselves – in this country alone. Could not one of our greatest works of mercy be to remind those in this situation that they are only

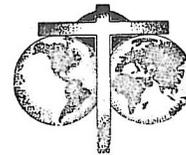
one good confession away from returning to the Church of their Fathers – a religious patrimony that in most cases goes back many centuries? Imagine the great grace of bringing one soul or many back to the Shepherd who longs to recover his lost sheep. They will once again be able to receive the Bread of Life, Jesus Christ present in the Holy Eucharist.

I have been involved in many conversions to our faith. In the majority of cases, when asked why they became Catholic, they answer, "Because I want to be pardoned for my sins and to receive Jesus in my soul in the Blessed Sacrament." Perhaps, then, you can introduce converts, reverts, and those who have never gotten farther than the shoreline of the ocean of God's love to the **great joy of daily Communion.** This is one of the most important practices we can acquire in the pursuit of holiness and assistance in fulfilling the duties of our state in life (which for most will be responsibilities as family member, friend, and worker).

Making daily Mass the very center of our interior life and consequently our day can only help us carry out these responsibilities, since our work and relationships and the claims of those in need occupy more than one day a week. Blessed Peter Julian Eymard advises us to: "hear Mass daily; it will prosper the whole day. All your duties will be performed the better for it, and your soul will be stronger to bear its daily cross. The Mass is the most holy act of religion; you can do nothing that can give greater glory to God or be more profitable for your soul than to hear Mass both frequently and devoutly. It is the favorite devotion of the saints."

And saints is what we are all called to be!

– Rev. C. J. McCloskey



SODALITY OF PRAYERS FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE UNITED STATES:

Duties. To recite daily the prayer "Omnipotens" in Latin, or if unable to recite this, the *Our Father*, *Hail Mary*, and *Glory Be to the Father*, with the same intention.

OMNIPOTENS sempiternae Deus, qui salvos omnes, et neminem vis perire, respice ad animas diabolica fraude deceptas; ut omni haeretica pravitate deposita, errantium corda respiscant, et ad veritatis tuae redeant unitatem. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, etc. Amen.

Almighty and eternal God, who savest all, and wilt have none to perish, have regard to those souls who are led astray by the deceits of the devil, that rejecting all errors, the hearts of those who err may be converted, and may return to the unity of thy truth: through Christ our Lord. Amen.

✠ THE CALENDAR

All Sunday Masses, plus Friday evening, Saturday morning, and many Summer weekday Masses are webcast at www.sgg.org

- MON 7/14/14 ST BONAVENTURE, BPCD**
8:00 AM Low Mass Philip Brockman (*Rob & Jane Brockman*)
- TUE 7/15/14 ST HENRY II, EMPEROR OF GERMANY, C**
DIVISION OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES
7:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls in Purgatory (*Boston faithful*)
8:00 AM Low Mass All those unable to come assist at Mass (*Mark Cash*) **Summer Novena**
9:00 AM Low Mass †Tom Payne (*Kirby & Jean Bischel*)
5:00 PM Low Mass Honor of the Infant of Prague for Norman & Janice West's intentions (*Jennifer West*) **Summer Novena**
- WED 7/16/14 OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL**
7:00 AM Low Mass Honor of the Infant of Prague for Norman & Janice West's intentions (*Jennifer West*)
8:00 AM Low Mass Peace, and return of many to true Faith
9:00 AM Low Mass †Marie Harris (*William Harris*)
5:00 PM High Mass Charles Simpson (*Your catechism students*)
- THU 7/17/14 ST ALEXIUS, C**
HUMILITY OF MARY
CARMELITE MARTYRS OF COMPIEGNE
6:00 AM Low Mass Special intention-conversion FS (*C. Simpson family*)
8:00 AM Low Mass †H.O. Hinton (*Beckie Mattingly*)
5:00 PM Low Mass Honor of the Infant of Prague for Norman & Janice West's intentions (*Jennifer West*)
- FRI 7/18/14 ST CAMILLUS OF LELLIS, C**
ST SYMPHOROSA & HER SEVEN SONS, MM
7:00 AM Low Mass †Fr. Martin Stepanich (*Samantha*)
8:00 AM Low Mass †Pat Harpen (*Patsy McConnell family*)
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM Low Mass Peace, and return of many to true Faith
6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena and Benediction
- SAT 7/19/14 ST VINCENT DE PAUL, C**
7:10 AM Confessions
7:30 AM Low Mass †Richard T. Dailey-13th anniv. 7/3 (*Tom & Karen Simpson*)
8:10 AM Sermon, Low Mass †Tom Payne-month's mind (*Samantha*)
- SUN 7/20/14 PENTECOST VI**
ST JEROME EMILIAN, C
ST MARGARET, VM
ST ELIAS THE PROPHET
7:05 AM Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass Katie Bischak-Happy birthday (*Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze*)
9:00 AM High Mass †Jim Peter (*C. Simpson family*)
11:05 AM Rosary

✠ ST. ANTHONY'S CORNER

"The lives of the saints are a world of their own. There is the peace which is power, and the calmness which is activity." In these words of Fr. Faber, a picture is drawn with light and delicate touch, which vividly brings before us the glorious Franciscan preacher of peace, powerful in word and work, with calmness almost angelic, and yet gifted with an active untiring spirit of benevolence, which was his most striking characteristic on earth, and which seems to distinguish him still among our truest friends in heaven.



Devotion to St. Anthony of Padua is preeminently a devotion of petition, followed by thanksgiving. It began during his lifetime; when the young friar's compassionate heart and willing hand made him the visible guardian angel of Padua. Never, perhaps, in the history of the Church, was there a saint so remarkable for a constant, tender readiness to enter into all the trials and vexations of the world around him as St. Anthony was – and as the traditions of long years represent him to be, even in his grand eternal home.

The "prayer of Faith" is marvelous in its efficacy. Faith in unseen Power is well nigh omnipotent when it pleads for what it desires, but with us, ordinary souls, it often takes what we may term a "human touch" to awaken this living faith. That touch usually comes from the knowledge or remembrance of the human personality of one such as St. Anthony, who, when on earth, loved God supremely, and for God's dear sake poured out the purest, most pitying love on God's poor needy creatures. (To be continued)

– *St. Anthony's Treasury*

JOIN US IN DEVOTION TO ST. ANTHONY
EVERY TUESDAY THIS SUMMER!

Servers: JULY 14 - 20, 2014

- TUE 7/15 8:00 AM Low: J. Lacy, A. Soli
- WED 7/16 5:00 PM High: Mr. Abraham, J. Simpson
- FRI 7/18 5:45 PM Low: Friday Night Servers
- SAT 7/19 7:30 AM Low: Simpsons
8:10 AM Low: M. Briggs
- SUN 7/20 7:30 AM Low: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM High: CHAPLAINS: T.G. Simpson, J. Simpson
ACs: S. & L. Arlinghaus TH: J. Lacy. TORCH: C. Arlinghaus,
A. Soli, C. Richesson, C. Rios
11:30 AM Low: A.D. Kinnett, P. Omlor
4:45 PM VESPERS / BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM Low: G. Miller

11:30 AM Low Mass †H.O. Hinton (*Patton family*)

4:45 PM Vespers and Benediction

5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

❖ QUIET CORNER ❖

THE GARMENT OF GRACE

True devotion to Mary consists in three things: Veneration, Confidence, and Love. Without saying to Mary that we venerate her, love her, and trust in her protection, we tell her all these things every moment of the day by simply wearing her Brown Scapular.



The Scapular is a prayer. Mary's Motherhood is not limited to Catholics; it is extended to ALL human beings. Many miracles of conversion have been obtained through the devout wearing of the Scapular. The Scapular is a great missionary sacramental. After the Rosary, it is the most highly indulgenced sacramental in the Church. What a terrible shame that so many ignore Our Blessed Mother's request and even more have never heard of it; what a great loss of grace for mankind.

Men cannot be saved without prayer. Only one thing can release the graces necessary to bring about world peace and that is prayer. The Scapular is the Promise of Mary's Prayer. By wearing it we offer the perpetual prayer that everything we do is done in God's eyes through Mary. At the same time, we become apostles of our Mother, because all that she requires to save the

world is to make our daily actions a prayer in union with Her. It is the masterpiece of the love of the Heart of Mary. An attack on the Scapular is an attack on the Church and the Mother of God. Let us defend it and explain its value to all. It is our sign of belonging to the universal family of Her Immaculate Heart. Become an apostle of the Brown Scapular.



UNFAILING PRAYER TO THE QUEEN

BEAUTY OF CARMEL

*Flower of Carmel
Blossoming vine
Splendor of heaven,
Mother divine –
None like to thee!*

*Mother of meekness
Peerless thou art!
To thy Carmelite children
Thy favors impart –
Star of the sea!*

GIVING TO THE ONE WHO ASKS ALL

Life is burdensome. What bitterness... but what sweetness. Yes, life is painful for us. It is hard to begin a day of work. The feeble bud has seen it just as the beautiful lily has. If we feel Jesus present, oh! then we would really do all for Him, but no, He seems a thousand leagues away. We are all alone with ourselves. Oh! what annoying company when Jesus is not there. But what is this sweet friend doing then? Doesn't He see our anguish, the weight that is oppressing us? Where is He? Why doesn't He come to console us?

Alas, He is not far; He is there, very close. He is looking at us and He is *begging* this sorrow, this agony from us. He needs it for souls and for our soul. He wants to give us such a beautiful recompense, and His ambitions for us are very great. But how can He say, "My turn," if ours hasn't come, if we have given Him nothing? Alas, it does pain Him to give us sorrows to drink, but He knows this is the only means of preparing us to "know Him as *He knows Himself*" and to become *Gods ourselves*." Oh! what a destiny. How great is our soul....

Jesus is asking all, all, all.

– St. Thérèse of Lisieux

THE TABERNACLE

There is not a place on earth that should be as familiar to us as the Tabernacle. Here God dwells. In His all Holy Presence do we hope to spend the endless ages of our eternity. It is to be feared that some will not know how to speak to Him then. "*How long have I been with you, Philip, and you do not know me,*" said Our Blessed Lord.

Intimate friendship with God would be easy if we visited Him often. You find so much time for your friends. The hours in their company count up to hundreds in the course of the year – often unprofitable hours. Some of them are perhaps even sinful. How few hours given to God. Do not offer the objection that the time spent with Him is wearisome. It will be until you know Him. Then it will be the sweetest of your life.

As a barometer registers the atmosphere, so does time spent before the Tabernacle regulate one's life. Take note of your different soul-states there. Note your uneasiness as you kneel before Him if you are in sin. His eyes penetrate into the depths of your soul in order to convince you of your treachery. He bids you become clean. Note the love in His glance when you have pardoned one who has injured you. The joy springing up in your heart is a proof of the grandeur of forgiveness. Note His look of approval as you pray for the conversion of sinners. Note His gratitude as you ask Him to release souls from Purgatory. The light we receive in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament shows us most clearly the ugliness of vice and the grandeur of virtue.
