

9th Day – Celebrate the Memory of the Lord

Lk 22:19-20

Then He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is My body which will be given for you. Do this in memory of Me’.

And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in My blood which will be shed for you’.

Words of the Foundress

One of the greatest blessings God has given us in His Passion is the Institution of the Eucharist and the Ordination to the Priesthood through which the holy sacraments are administered.

However, one does not think enough about it. One has so little respect for priests and prays for them so little, far from being grateful to God for such a great blessing!

In spite of this, one has to admire the great mercy of God. Even if one is ungrateful towards Him, He continues to give us grace, in order to show us more and more His mercy (*Rekindle the gift of God that is within you, Issue II, Page 25*).

Especially before (receiving) Holy Communion you shall meditate on the greatest kindness and mercy of God who has left Himself, as legacy, in the most Holy Sacrament, in order to imprint His love in our hearts. We want to live, yet no more we, but, Jesus should live in us.

All our respiration and heartbeats, all our sighs and fervent prayers should be directed toward Jesus, and thus, we shall obtain His love (*Rekindle the gift of God that is within you, Issue I, Page 23*).

Prayer

God, our Father, in the celebration of the Eucharist, we participate in the Paschal Mystery of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

In a special way You have taken Mother Alphonse Marie into this mystery of salvation and granted her charism looking to the one “whom they have pierced” (*Jn 19:37*).

Her life teaches us, always to look at Him, the Savior of the world, who in the Holy Sacrament, lives among us and is at work. Through Him and with Him we honor the Father, when we offer our lives, our work and the entire creation to His praise. Give us a deep gratitude for the institution and participation in the sacraments of our salvation and for the joyful confidence that You are with us always, to the end of time (*Mt 28:20*).

Daily prayer

Lord, our God,

You gifted Mother Alphonse Marie

with the grace of being powerfully attracted

to the mystery of the Cross,

even in her most tender years.

In this mystery, she perceived Your merciful love for all Your children.

You inspired her to found a Congregation to manifest

that love through serving those

who suffer in body or in spirit.

Through the Eucharist, You gave her the strength

to participate in the work of the Redemption.

May we be transformed by the love of Christ the Redeemer,

even as she was; and may our lives be a witness

of Your great love to all those we encounter.

Hear the prayers that we present through her intercession...

and if it be Your will, grant that we may soon venerate

Mother Alphonse Marie among the Blessed. Amen.