

Discovery Of The True Cross (Tomorrow's Feast)

The cross on which Our Blessed Lord died was not unearthed for 300 years. It was the custom in those days to bury near a criminal's grave the articles used in his death. A temple to the pagan god, Venus, had been built over the spot of Our Saviour's burial place. After painstaking search and deep excavations under the direction of St. Helena, the mother of Constantine, the sepulchre and three crosses were discovered under the temple.

The searching party concluded that two crosses belonged to the two thieves, and the third to Christ. But a problem arose as to the means of identifying Christ's cross.

On the suggestion of St, Macarius, the body of a sick woman was touched to each of the crosses, and the woman was cured when she touched one of them. This cross of the miraculous power was accepted as the True Cross.

Of far greater power than the instrument of Christ's Sacrifice, the cross, is the Sacrifice itself. This is renewed daily in all our hall chapels. Through this Sacrifice of the Mass Our Blessed Lord gives relief to the sick, brings joy where there is sorrow, and protects the soul and body from temporal and spiritual harm.

Your mother is worth every blessing you can obtain for her. You should, therefore, assist at Mass everyday during the Novena for Mothers.

A Thought From Monsignor Sheen.

"Would that the whole world could realize what an impetus to purity the Church gives in holding up the example of Our Blessed Mother as a model for the young. There is hardly a young man and woman who has not heard at one time from his own mother these words, 'Never do anything of which your mother would be ashamed. ' What did she mean by that but that the basic reason for being good is the consecration of self to something higher than self. The mother was trying to make her children see that they should aim to care for another person rather than have the other person care for them. But to do this they must have a love higher than their own will and their own pleasure.

"Since there is a higher love than the human, what was more natural than for Our Blessed Lord to say to us all from the cross, "Behold, Thy Mother!' It was the Divine way of saying: "Never do anything which you Heavenly Mother would be schamed."

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