

Points to Ponder

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Sunday

When you have distractions don't distract yourself still more by stopping to consider the why and the wherefore. Just as a traveler who misses his way, returns to the right road as soon as he is aware of it, you should continue to meditate without stopping in the distractions which you have.

Monday

Jesus calls the poor and simple shepherds by means of angels to manifest himself to them. He calls the learned men (the Magi) by means of their science. And all of them, moved interiorly by grace, hasten to adore him.

He calls all of us with divine inspirations and he communicates himself to us with his grace. How many times has he not lovingly invited us also? And with what promptitude have we replied?

My God, I blush and am filled with confusion at having to reply to such a question.

Tuesday

Oh, how precious time is! Blessed are those who know how to make good use of it. Oh, if only all could understand how precious time is, undoubtedly everyone would also do his best to spend it in a praiseworthy manner!

Wednesday

Humility and purity of conduct are the wings which raise us up to God and in a manner deify us.

Remember this: the sinner who is ashamed to do evil is closer to God than the upright man who is ashamed to do good.

Thursday

The heavenly Child suffers and cries in the crib so as to make his suffering for us lovable, meritorious, and sought after. He lacked everything so that we learn from him to renounce earthly goods. He was pleased with humble and poor adorers so that we love poverty and prefer the company of the little and simple ones to that of the great of the world.

Friday

The devil has only one door through which to enter into our soul: the will. There are no secret doors.

There is no sin if it has not been committed willfully. When the will does not consent, there is no sin but (only) human weakness.

Saturday

Have you not for some time loved the Lord? Do you not love him now? Do you not long to love him forever? Therefore: do not fear! Even conceded that you had committed all the sins in this world, Jesus repeats to you: many sins are forgiven thee because thou hast loved much!