

Catholic Life

## Catholic Life: Or the Feasts, Fasts and Devotions of the Ecclesiastical Year (Paperback)

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Createspace, United States, 2013. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*. As the great feasts come round we should take up the fitting exercises and implore the prayers of the Saints with greater earnestness; from feast to feast we should renew our good resolutions as if we were soon to leave this world and arrive at the eternal festival. -a.

KEMPIS. THE observance of religious feasts goes back to the cradle of humanity. Before the fall of Adam life was a continual feast, which was to be exchanged, without death, for the eternal joys of Heaven. All this was changed, but the remembrance of it and its Divine Author caused Adam and his family to devote certain times to adoration, praise, and thanksgiving, as we learn from the sacrifices of Cain and Abel. When the number of families increased, the Patriarchs, or heads, made these festivals more definite, and finally the Almighty, through Moses, regulated their number and ceremonial. The Church, being empowered by Christ to regulate Divine worship, has established Christian feasts. They afford us an opportunity of paying our homage to God Almighty, His Son made man, the Blessed Virgin, and...

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