

All new-comers are made members of one of these three families. The family of the tortoise has become so numerous that it has been divided into the great and the little tortoise.

And now let me say something about the exercises of the mission. At daybreak, Be it in winter or summer, father de la Bretonnière says the first mass, at which all those assist who have to go out to the fields to work. They recite Their morning prayers, and then The beads, in two choirs. An hour later, I say the every-day mass, for the whole village, during Which The prayers and hymns of the church in keeping with the season are sung in two choirs also. After the mass, I gather the children together in The church and make them recite their morning prayers, and then teach the boys how to serve mass. About nine o'clock, father de la Bretonniere puts the adults who have not yet been Baptized through their catechism. The remainder of the day is spent going about visiting the sick and in deciding disputes which may have arisen in The cabins. An hour before sunset, I assemble the children again in the church for their evening prayers and for the recitation of Their catechism. As soon as the children are dismissed The men and women repair to The church for the recitation of their prayers in common. On sundays and festivals I am in the confessional until ten in the morning, when I sing high mass, after Which I preach to the french, for I have charge of a french parish, and there is no other church than that of the mission. Other members of our french population, who flock from all sides to the tomb of the servant of God, Catherine Tegah Kouita, to accomplish the vows