

1. **CATECHISM CLASS:** Children 6 to 14 please meet Father Joseph in the vestibule right after the 10:00 Mass.
2. There will be **NO** 5:00 PM Sunday Vespers this afternoon.
3. Tomorrow, August 6, 2007, is the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ.
4. **OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHAPEL IN MONTGOMERY:** EARLY NOTICE – Mass in Montgomery for the Month of November will be on the SECOND Sunday – November 11, 2007 – due to the fact that our Novices will be making their Triennial Vows on November 4, 2007 (the first Sunday of November).
5. Next Wednesday, August 15, 2007, is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses in the Abbey Church will be at 6:00 AM, 8:00 AM, and 7:00 PM. We will also have Vespers and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at **4:30 PM**.
6. Early last Thursday morning, Jean Marie Smith, the mother of our Mark Smith, died. In your charity please pray for the soul of Mrs. Smith.
7. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels. **LET US ALSO PRAY FOR EVERYONE.**
8. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For the people of our Chapels
MONDAY:	For Bishop McKenna, OP, and the Dominican Sisters (<i>Feast day last Saturday</i>)
TUESDAY:	For Robert Letourneau
WEDNESDAY:	Special intention Gloria Aldaz
THURSDAY:	Welfare Sister Maria Consuela
FRIDAY:	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
SATURDAY:	Special intention Ann Biber

CONFUSION OF THOUGHT

In every item of our Holy Faith: in all things, in every circumstance of life, in every event, in every incident that pertains to the eternal salvation of the soul of man – on every point without compromise – we must at all times be guided by the determined, the consistent, and the properly promulgated, unadulterated doctrine contained in the traditional theological teaching of the Holy Roman Catholic and Apostolic Church. Once something has been determined as a point of theological doctrine, no room for deviation of thought can be allowed, nor is it allowed.

Throughout the ages, since the time of Christ, the Apostolic Church has been working under the commission of Jesus Christ Himself, to discover, to determine, to protect, and to present TRUTH. There is nothing haphazard about this awesome responsibility. Slowly, and with painstaking care every link of the chain of truth has been inspected and tested, over and over again, every detail hammered out, forged in the hottest of fires by competent men whose duty it has been to make sure that each link is absolutely without flaw! Only then is the chain presented for use and acceptance. When and where the official Apostolic and Catholic Church has proclaimed the efficacy of the chain of truth to be ready for belief, it **must** be believed – that is, if one accounts himself to be a member of that Apostolic and official Church.

Of those who through no fault of their own have not ever been exposed to the points of official Catholic belief we can give no accounting. All such must be left to the omnipotence of our Omnipotent God. Those who have heard the word of official Catholic truth but yet obstinately maintain their own personal point of view and belief will answer to the same Omnipotent God for their obstinacy. The former souls are **not** culpable, while the latter souls **are** culpable.

The disconnected and out-of-context bits of information and opinion that are currently being circulated concerning various points of our Holy Catholic Religion have further worsened the confusion of thought that is prevalent today. In most cases, to debate, to prove, to argue, is usually a complete waste of time and effort and bears no good fruit. If the grace of God is not fully operating in the soul of man, such a one sees, but does not see; he hears, but does not hear. Prayer, prayer, and more prayer is our only work, our only dedication, our only hope.

Let us bear in mind:

**For those who want to believe –
no argument is necessary.**

**For those who do not want to believe –
no argument is possible.**

A Thought To Remember ...

It sometimes happens that the vinedresser has to cut off of the tree some of the best-looking growth. He has to do this difficult task in order that the tree may grow properly and bear good fruit.