

1. **CATECHISM CLASS:** Children 6 to 14 please meet Father Joseph in the vestibule right after the 10:00 Mass.
2. There WILL be 5:00 PM Sunday Vespers and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament this afternoon.
3. Tomorrow, August 6, 2007, is the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ.
4. 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.*
5. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels. LET US ALSO PRAY FOR EVERYONE.
6. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For the people of our Chapels
MONDAY:	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
TUESDAY:	Special intention Mr. and Mrs. Al Stolpa
WEDNESDAY:	For our Monks and Nuns and Oblates
THURSDAY:	Deceased Marie Girardi
FRIDAY:	Special intention Ernie Krasovic
SATURDAY:	Deceased Ross Giambrone (<i>Anniversary</i>)

“MY HOUSE IS A HOUSE OF PRAYER”

Our Traditional Roman Catholic Chapels, whether they be large and beautiful places all filled with glorious singing and expensive furnishings, or tiny converted filling stations (as many of our Traditional Chapels are), are all places of holiness and dignity and devotion and spiritual attention. Lest we forget, we are Roman Catholics. We adhere to Traditional Catholicism and authentic Catholic living. We seek after peace and we pursue it. We detest and shy away from the standard controversies. We quest after prayer – not contentious argument.

The modern mind-set concerning prayer today is that religious congregations are for the purpose of enjoying fellowship or fun or “religious” entertainment or religious conviviality. Today, prayer is looked upon as a social event. On the other hand, the present-day traditionalist mind-set seems to be controversy – controversy which stirs up uncertainties in the minds of those who are subjected to it. The devil loves to fish in murky waters. As it is, there is little enough left to conscientious Traditional Roman Catholics except their Chapels (in most cases improvised). The souls of such good people are entitled to find peace and serenity in places set aside for peace and serenity. Prayer cannot exist in places where fellowship reigns supreme, nor in places where anger and animosity thunder down from the very walls.

A word might also be said concerning the reason for attendance at Sunday Mass – Traditional Sunday Mass. Why do we go to Mass on Sunday? Some go for the pleasure of the fellowship, others to prove whatever, while others go out of programmed habit. It seems that these latter ones look upon their Chapels as something like “fast food” places – places where one can quickly turn in and grab up a spiritual “snack”! The mentality of a life of faith today is suffering greatly, and needs help. Weekly spiritual “snacks” are of no help at all. The Sunday Sermon, for all concerned, is essential. Who is it that actually sits down on a regular basis each day and spends time reading a good spiritual book? Some say that they read the Catechism or the Lives of the Saints. Neither of these books can be classified as true spiritual reading. Important, yes, but spiritual reading, no. For most – even well intentioned Traditional Roman Catholics – the Sunday Sermon and the Sunday Bulletin (those that contain spiritual nourishment) make up the sum total of all interior spiritual intake throughout the entire week. We have to do better than that. If all we have to live on spiritually is what we receive hurriedly in between weekends, is it any wonder that the days between Sundays are sometimes quite tarnished?

To attend mass is vital, and to come to “see Jesus” is also important, but far from being enough, and are certainly not any kind of guarantee for safe religious conduct. There has to be more. There has to be a firm belief in all the facets of our Catholic Faith and a firm and continuous effort to conquer self-will, while working with diligence to live the Christ life. We must be concerned with *CONVERSIO* – or all is for naught.

Those of us, wherever we may be, who are blessed with a true Priest to celebrate Mass in our Chapels, must realize that it is he, alone, who reaches up to the vault of heaven and brings down to us Jesus Christ Himself. It is that Priest who presents to us the very Body and Blood of Christ, Who then enters into our heart and there finds rest for a while. Our Chapels, whether they are rich or poor, are holy places. They are places where the Spirit of God lingers a bit, and that for the welfare of us who hunger, who believe, who hope, who adore, and who seek true spiritual nourishment.

A Thought To Remember ...

Even though quite difficult, it is nevertheless imperative that we continue our work to keep our Faith intact, even (especially) while in the midst of unpromising and unimpressive circumstances.