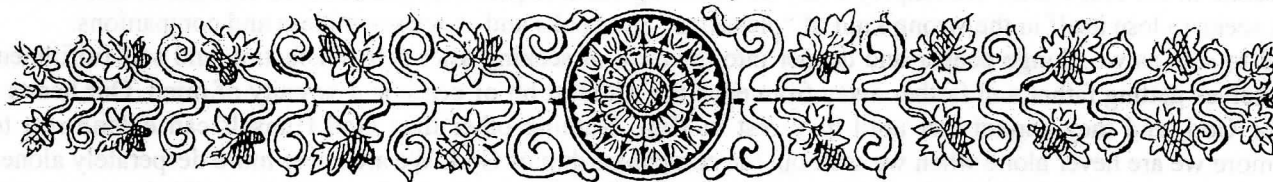


The world does not know God. The world does not have God. The world does not want to know or have God. This has brought about an immeasurable void in the minds of the children of the world, who are then forced to substitute a make-believe existence in order to keep their gnawing restlessness under control. But it does not! Worldly thoughts and worldly make-believe and imaginings will never take the place of the reality of God Almighty, and no argument to the contrary will ever make it so. Therefore, like the Good Shepherd, God Himself comes to seek us out. He pursues us. He uses His providence and grace to draw us away from the unreal iniquity we so foolishly and consistently seek after. God even goes so far, at times, to remove from our sight things that are harmful to us. He loves us to folly. We have to give some response, we must show some sign of responsibility, some sign of belief, some sign of willingness to cooperate with what He demands of us. And what does He demand? Unless we are pleasing to God we cannot be saved and therefore we will not realize the purpose of our Divine adoption. We simply have to obey, and to the best of our intention and ability correspond with the ever reoccurring word: **CONVERSIO**. Let this thought be ever uppermost in our minds: **WE CANNOT PLEASE GOD UNLESS WE RESEMBLE HIS SON JESUS CHRIST!** Anything short of that and we will have to accept the consequences, whether we believe that or not.

For those who strive to love Him and obey Him, the love of God knows no bounds. He will extend to those who truly love Him all which the eye has not seen nor ear heard. He will send His angels to lead us through the darkness that surrounds us, away from the noises produced by out-of-control vicissitudes that usually dwell in the minds of the worldly, God leads His children gently to those places where the soft sounds of His Voice can be heard and where we can cast ourselves upon His loving Heart.

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. Tuesday, August 28, 2007, is the Feast of the great Saint Augustine. Let us pray to this great Doctor of the Church, that he will come to the assistance of his and our Church in these so terribly troubled times.
4. Wednesday, August 29, 2007, is the Commemoration of the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist.
5. Saturday, September 1, 2007, is the First Saturday of September, with Masses in the Abbey Church at 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM.
6. Next Sunday, September 2, 2007, is the first Sunday of September. Therefore, **there will be NO Mass at Saint Pius V Chapel in Birmingham next Sunday.**
7. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels. **LET US ALSO PRAY FOR EVERYONE.** Let us pray for ALL the priests and religious men and women of the world. **NO MAN, WOMAN, OR CHILD SHOULD BE LEFT OUT OF OUR PRAYER.** God made all men to be with Him in heaven for all eternity, and this includes every human being on earth, regardless of station or condition or place. While Our Blessed Lord was hanging on the Cross He did not look around and pick and choose those for whom He was dying. He did not exclude a single member of the Human Race – even His enemies – from the wounded Love that came forth from Him during those momentous moments. Weak human nature and erroneous persuasions will prevent some from achieving the purpose intended for them by God, but that matter remains entirely between all such and God. Our only duty is to pray for **souls**. We make **no** judgments concerning such matters. If there is any sifting to be done, it is to be done by God, Himself alone. **We are NOT** the ones to do the sifting.
8. **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 Louise Ratay
 - WEDNESDAY: Special intention Mary Conlon
 - THURSDAY: Deceased Kathy Kapusta
 - FRIDAY: Deceased Anna Rita Huelskamp
 - SATURDAY: Special intention Paul Roy Family



A Thought To Remember ...

"Can we trace happiness in the eyes through which look souls that have lost the spirit of Christianity?" Father Edward Leen