

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. Wednesday, September 12, 2007, is the Feast of the Holy Name of Mary.
4. Friday, September 14, 2007, is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.
5. Saturday, September 15, 2007, is the Feast of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
6. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels. **LET US ALSO PRAY FOR EVERYONE.**
7. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For the people of our Chapels
MONDAY:	Special intention Zoann Smerber
TUESDAY:	For the Poor Souls of Purgatory
WEDNESDAY:	Deceased Pete Breithaup
THURSDAY:	Special intention Jacqueline Driscoll
FRIDAY:	Deceased Joan Marie Smith
SATURDAY:	Welfare Father Paul Andrade

Of Love and Truth

There is no form of Christian sanctity which does not find its culmination in love. This, the "first of the commandments," is the very soul of the Gospel and the surest sign that we belong to Christ. Dante, in the "Divine Comedy" said: "Keep the choicest of thy love for God." And we should do just that, for unless we love God we will not understand God, nor will we be able to see Him in His countless manifestations. God is Truth, but, most unfortunately, Truth is what so many of us have trouble with, which means that the same many of us have trouble with God Himself!

We must work with genuine energy in order to belong to that group of souls who do everything from an active love. To work only from a sense of duty – as so many do – is good, but to work from love is infinitely better. Love is the great way of making progress in the spiritual life. Only because of the love that exists in our hearts will all the virtues be established in us. Only because of the love that exists in our hearts will the obstacles to the Divine action in us be removed. The love we speak of here must be pure! How well do we understand this one statement? The love we speak of here must be free from all preoccupation about self and it must be directed primarily, not towards one's own personal perfection, but towards the glory of God. This has to be exactly as indicated here. The glory of God must be uppermost in the concern of everyone who considers the salvation of the soul as being of the utmost importance. It must be the preoccupation of every child of God to work to give glory to Him. And in directing the choicest of our love toward Him, we give joy to Him Who, in contemplating us, sees in our souls a reflection of His own beauty.

At the close of our lives we will not be judged on our life's accomplishments, or how much we have learned, and any such matters of importance to the worldly of this world. At the close of our lives we shall be judged only on our love! And why? Our hearts are made for love. We have an immense need to love. It is the absence of the fulfillment of this basic need that plagues the world of today. People simply do not comprehend love. They seem to think of it as an attraction, an emotion, a display of effeminacy. The richer a nature is, the more capable it is of great things, and the greater is the need for love. If we do not love God with a great love, inevitably we shall come to love creatures, and is this not the underlying problem today? No man can live without love, yet the whole problem of sanctity consists in the right ordering of one's love.

How, then, could Christian sanctity be anything else but love? Is not the will the dominant faculty in man? It is the will which sets all the other faculties in motion. All conscious and deliberate activity in man depends on his will. When the will devotes itself to any object, it devotes the whole man to that object. The fundamental and essential energy by which the will devotes itself to anything is love. The man who loves God gives himself wholly to Him. It is love that drives him to that which pertains to God. God cannot be reached by a set of rules. The spiritual life, as is the Catholic Religion, is not a set of rules. The **CONVERSIO** is brought about by the force of love – not by a set of rules!

A Thought To Remember ...

God is gained by that which we become rather than by the uncoordinated "holy" things which we make ourselves do! **NOT BY EXTERNAL ACTS IS GOD GAINED, BUT BY INNER CHANGE.** God is gained by the work of the heart, not by the work of the mind!