

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 19, 2007, Friday, September 21, 2007, and Saturday, September 22, 2007, are Ember Days, and are days of Fast and Abstinence. Meat may be eaten **ONCE** (at the main meal) on Wednesday and Saturday.
4. Friday is also the Feast of Saint Matthew the Apostle, and is the Name day of our Frater Matthew, OSB. Please keep Frater Matthew in your special prayers on this day.
5. **EARLY NOTICE:** On the Second Sunday of October (October 14, 2007), Miss Ashley Sawyer will enter the Novitiate of Saint Joseph's Convent during the 10:00 AM Mass at the Abbey Church.
6. 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.
7. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

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| SUNDAY: | For the people of our Chapels |
| MONDAY: | Special intention Regina Gilliam |
| TUESDAY: | For the Poor Souls in Purgatory |
| WEDNESDAY: | Welfare of Jeannette |
| THURSDAY: | Deceased Fred Klan |
| FRIDAY: | For Frater Matthew, OSB (<i>Name day</i>) |
| SATURDAY: | For the Mark Kelley Family |

We MUST arrive at a precise explanation of the difference between the externalisms of the law – the fulfillment of the ten hundred different rules of religious ceremonial and of life's conduct – and the salvation that comes through faith in Christ and the good works born of that faith. Salvation is not in the letter of the law! Salvation is not in the meticulous performance of a ceremony! Salvation is not in a book! Salvation is not in repetitious argument and debate (which accomplish nothing)! Salvation comes through faith in Christ and in Him Crucified, and through the INTERIOR CHANGE that faith in Christ Crucified brings about in the soul. If we fail to reach a clear and unquestionable understanding of that difference, all that which took place on the hillside of Calvary – as far as we are concerned – will all have been for naught!

A Thought To Remember ...

The fundamental disposition of the soul which is about to receive Holy Communion should be an ardent desire for union with Christ. And the fundamental disposition of the soul in the early moments after the reception of Holy Communion should be that of adoration.