

As Jesus grew older, He swept the house, washed the dishes, went to the well to draw water, and went to the workshop to learn carpentry from His foster-father. No work was too lowly or too commonplace for Him Who, Himself, had made all things out of nothing. Joseph and Mary never for a moment lost sight of Who He was. They knew. And they kept silence, total silence. It was ever present in their minds and hearts that He Who came at their call, ran errands for them, and brought home to them the modest pay for Joseph's and His work, was Himself the Lord of all angels and all men. With what tears of love and joy and wonder they must have cried as they saw the readiness with which He obeyed their slightest wish. How absolutely beautiful must have been the cheerfulness and grace with which He served them in every way.

Each night, before going to bed, He, Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Most Blessed Trinity, knelt down at the knees of Joseph and received the blessing of a mere man.

Lest we forget, each day we are invited to kneel together with Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, but we must go to Nazareth for this. We must go and we must knock at the door. They will let us in when we knock, to be sure, but not if our will is not good! Peace will be extended only to those whose will is good! This is imperative.

LEST WE FORGET!

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 with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament this afternoon.
3. Next Sunday, January 20, 2008, is Septuagesima Sunday.
4. **EARLY NOTICE:** Anyone wishing to have candles blessed on Candlemas Day (Saturday, February 2, 2008), should bring them in nicely decorated containers, WITH PROPER IDENTIFICATION, and place them in the vestibule of the Abbey Church **no later than the last Sunday of January (January 27, 2008).**
5. 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
6. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY:	For Mike Smith
TUESDAY:	Special intention of Lucile Lylo
WEDNESDAY:	Special intention of Mary Riccardi
THURSDAY:	For Daphne Stanford's Parents
FRIDAY:	Deceased Michael Joseph, Sr.
SATURDAY:	Deceased Victor Tancreti

SUGGESTED READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE FOR EACH DAY OF THE SEPTUAGESIMA SEASON

SEPTUAGESIMA

Sunday: Gen. 1: 1-26
Matt. 20: 1-16
Monday: Gen. 1: 27-31; 2: 1-10
Tuesday: Gen. 2: 15-24
Wednesday: Gen. 3: 1-20
Thursday: Gen. 4: 1-16
Friday: Gen. 4: 17-26; 5: 1-5
Saturday: Gen. 5: 15-31

SEXAGESIMA

Sunday: Gen. 5: 31; 6: 1-15
Luke 8: 4-15
Monday: Gen. 7: 1-5, 10-14, 17
Tuesday: Gen. 8: 1-13
Wednesday: Gen. 8: 15-22; 9: 1-6
Thursday: Gen. 9: 12-15, 20-29
Friday: Gen. 10: 1-6; 11: 1-8
Saturday: Gen 11: 10-30

QUINQUAGESIMA

Sunday: Gen. 12: 1-19
Luke 18: 31-43
Monday: Gen. 13: 1-16
Tuesday: Gen. 14: 8-20

A Thought To Remember ...

Salvation is not automatic, given simply for the asking of it. Salvation is a matter of God's grace being given to those who seriously and actively will to live a life carefully guided by all the dictates of the Ten Commandments.