

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. Today is the Feast of Saints Fabian and Sebastian, and is the Name day of our Father Sebastian, OSB. Please keep Father Sebastian in your special prayers today.
4. **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 NEXT SUNDAY, 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:	Special intention of Father Sebastian, OSB (<i>Name day intention</i>)
TUESDAY:	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
WEDNESDAY:	Special intention of Mary Conlon
THURSDAY:	Special intention of Mary Bieker
FRIDAY:	Special intention of Jean Henderson
SATURDAY:	Special intention of George and Laurie Niebuhr

— SEPTUAGESIMA SEASON —

Septuagesima is the name of that period of time prior to the actual beginning of the holy Season of Lent. It is Lenten in character and appearance, but it is not itself Lent, and the Lenten fasts have not yet begun. Lent actually begins with Ash Wednesday. As Lent prepares us for the Easter glory of the Resurrection, so does the Septuagesima Season prepare us for Lent. The Traditional Roman Catholic Church, by its liturgy, suggests to both priest and people the beginnings of a penitential observance. Thus, the joyful exclamation of *Alleluia* is omitted from both the Mass and the Divine Office, and will in no case be heard again until the time of the glorious Resurrection of Our Lord. All flowers are removed from the altars and from before all the statues of the saints. The high altar coverings are all purple, and the priest wears purple vestments. When the Mass is of the Season of Septuagesima or of Lent, the *Gloria in Excelsis Deo* is not said. Septuagesima is the Latin word which means “seventy.” The name is applied to this Sunday specifically and is presumed to be the seventieth day before Easter. Sexagesima means “sixty,” and Quinquagesima means “fifty.” However, the names and the actual number of the counted days do not correspond and the names are not accurate descriptions of the time involved. Whatever their origin, they are now regarded simply as convenient titles.

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: 10-31

QUINQUAGESIMA

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

A Thought To Remember ...

God made everyone to be a saint. If anyone fails to become a saint,
it is because that one individual has freely determined not to be a saint.
Such a one knows exactly what he or she is doing. God alone is the Judge.