

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 Blessed Sacrament this afternoon.
3. **Father Sebastian will conduct the monthly Oblate meeting this morning after the 10:00 Mass in the Abbey Church.**
4. **EARLY NOTICE:** We will have First Communion for children during the 10:00 AM Mass in the Abbey Church on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11, 2008 (Pentecost Sunday). Anyone attending Church at Christ the King Abbey who has a child they feel is ready for this awesome Sacrament, please see Father Francis, OSB. First Confessions will be heard on the Sunday before Mother's Day (May 4, 2008).
5. Also on Mother's Day, we will have our usual Ceremony of the Crowning of Our Lady's statue in the Abbey Church before the 10:00 AM Mass. Miss Rebecca Meilleur will crown Our Lady this year.
6. **N.B.:** There **WILL** be Mass (at the usual time) at Saint Pius V Chapel in Birmingham on Mothers' Day.
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 Daphne Stanford's Parents
TUESDAY:	Special intention Charles Farley
WEDNESDAY:	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
THURSDAY:	Special intention George and Laurie Niebuhr
FRIDAY:	Special intention Jean Henderson
SATURDAY:	Special intention Alfred and Aurora Krebsbach

REALISM IN PIETY

It was always a matter of importance in days gone by that the spirit of piety be fostered amongst priests and people. In monasteries and convents of former times, piety was fostered with great diligence – not any more! But the necessity of piety is just as important, if not more so, today. Somehow, we have to return to the sane realism of piety. Those responsible for the spiritual formation and welfare of souls are obligated to teach the souls under their care how to come to “TOUCH GOD”! How many there are today, even in high places, who have no notion about this religious dimension – the interior life – nor the importance of it. Traditionalist teaching and preaching and writing seems to have turned its full attention to dialectics, to the detriment of souls crying out for SPIRITUAL nourishment. Whoever is responsible for souls, and who makes use of today's means of communication, is under the strictest obligation to instruct and show both priests and people how to “realize” the presence of God.

Souls in today's world, more than ever before, must be instructed about the action of grace within them. This is not an easy instruction, but it is possible, provided the efficacy of prayer and self-sacrifice is taught with equal emphasis. We have to put aside the false notion that logic is the proper instrument to reach the heart of man. Logic has never saved a soul. Logic and reason are bulwarks of our faith, but they cannot and do not spark the soul to belief. Belief comes only through the acceptance of God's grace.

A warning to all concerned: only prayer, fasting, self-sacrifice, and the honest example of the genuinely pious life of spiritual leaders will bring willing souls to a life of true holiness. ☐

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