

“*Conversio*”

The word “conversion” is very often used rather casually to mean, as far as Catholics are concerned, the leaving of some separated religious sect and officially joining the Roman Catholic Church. Within the Church itself, conversion is not looked upon as involving a single declaration of faith or even Baptism. Still less is it looked upon as a mere statement of some meaningless, half-hearted resolution. Conversion does not mean joining up for a lifetime of lukewarm, haphazard, on again – off again, participation. The correct meaning of conversion – *conversio* – is a turning away from sin. True *conversio* is a life-long process of embracing Christ’s doctrine in all its fullness and purity. The living of a life of *conversio* must be the essential effort of every true Christian. True *conversio* is, strictly speaking, a sincere repentance for past sins and a firm and serious purpose to correct one’s way of living. It is not merely the changing of an attitude. Repentance – *conversio* – is an interior spiritual rebirth. It is not just sorrow for having offended God because of possible eternal punishment. It is a new way of living, with prayer being the stepping stone for overcoming the evil within.

Conversio means making our blessed religion real. It brings us to perfect sorrow for our past life of sin, with a solemn resolve not to live such a life any more. *Conversio* means fighting as hard as we can, with the help of God’s grace, to submit our own will to Christ’s will every day – no matter what. *Conversio* means the uninterrupted acceptance of and obedience to the Commandments of God and of the true and unadulterated teachings of the traditional Roman Catholic Church. Additions and subtractions of heretical teachings; pietistic observations of misguided souls; loosely applied weak and forgiving father-images of God; all such cannot in any way be tolerated. *Conversio* means a serious, firm, and dedicated interior purpose to correct one’s self. *Conversio* means a profound and enduring change.

1. **CATECHISM CLASS:** Children 6 to 14 please meet Father Joseph in the vestibule right after the 10:00 Mass.
2. Friday is the Feast of Saint Anthony of Padua. St. Anthony is a very special kind of saint, and many wonderful things are reported about his help to those who call upon him. Especially do people call out to him when things are lost. This Friday, let us make a special effort to go to him and think him for all he has done on our behalf. Let us not be wanting in our thanksgiving. Pray to him and ask him for help to those who have lost their faith.
3. 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. We are not the ones to do the sifting.
4. Next Sunday is Fathers’ Day.
5. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard’s schedule only)
 - SUNDAY: For the People of our Chapels
 - MONDAY: For Bishop Robert McKenna, OP (50th Ordination Anniversary)
 - TUESDAY: For Steve and Daphne Stanford (Wedding Anniversary)
 - WEDNESDAY: For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
 - THURSDAY: Special intention Mary Riccardi
 - FRIDAY: Special intention Mrs. Norman Kinnett
 - SATURDAY: Special intention Bob Preston

A Thought To Remember ...

**“Give me what I want now!
I’ll worry about Hell later!”**