

1. **CATECHISM CLASS:** Children 6 to 14 please meet Father Joseph in the vestibule right after the 10:00 Mass.
2. Today is the important Feast of two great Apostles – Peter and Paul. These Saints must be revered with a special and particular hope and love, especially in these times. O Peter, you are the shepherd. O Prince of the Apostles, to you did God entrust all the kingdoms of the world. To you were given the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatsoever you shall bind on earth, it shall be bound also in heaven; and whatsoever you shall loose on earth, it shall be loosed also in heaven. Arise, Peter; arise, Paul – wrap your cloaks around us poor suffering, frightened, and confused children of God. Impart to us the strength and perseverance we need for the accomplishment of our salvation. Just as the chains fell off of your hands, O Peter, when you were in the dungeon, so let the chains of the evils of this day fall off of our hands, and do you, together with Paul, stand guard over us poor, struggling souls, and lead us to our heavenly destination in spite of the quagmire that is engulfing us. Do not leave us without your help and guidance and protection.
3. Tuesday is the Feast of the Most Precious Blood. This significant Feast might “by accident” be overlooked, for many fail to comprehend its unbelievable importance. Simply put, **one single drop of this Blood** infinitely surpasses the “importance” of the entire universe and all created things – man included. We do wrong when we take for granted that which is in the chalice which the priest holds in his hands at the altar each morning. In that chalice is indeed the Most Precious Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This we must believe! May we be given the holy grace to believe and to comprehend just exactly what we here speak of.
4. Wednesday is the beautiful Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Immediately after the Archangel completed his mission of announcing to the young girl Mary that she was to be the mother of the Messiah and telling her that her cousin Elizabeth was also expecting a baby – Saint John the Baptist – Mary went to visit Elizabeth, remaining with her some few months. May Mary be always greatly involved in our lives also.
5. Also on Wednesday, the Novena to Saint Benedict (July 11) begins.
6. Thursday is the first Thursday of July, with Holy Hour and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Abbey Church from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM and from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM.
7. Friday is the First Friday of July, with Masses in the Abbey Church at 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM. *However, because of the holiday (Fourth of July), we will not have our usual First Friday all-day Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament this month.*
8. *** **N.B.:** *BECAUSE OF THE MAJOR CIVIC HOLIDAY (THE FOURTH OF JULY) – FRIDAY, JULY 4, IS NOT A DAY OF FAST OR ABSTINENCE. MEAT MAY BE EATEN AT ALL MEALS THIS FRIDAY. ****
9. Saturday is the First Saturday of July, with Masses in the Abbey Church at 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM.
10. Next Sunday is the first Sunday of July (July 6). **Therefore there will be NO Mass at Saint Pius V Chapel in Birmingham next Sunday.**
11. Also next Sunday, our Oblates will meet with Father Sebastian in the Abbey Church immediately after the 10:00 AM Mass.
12. 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 alone. We are not the ones to do the sifting.
13. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard’s schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY:	Deceased Kathy South
TUESDAY:	Deceased Alex Cummings
WEDNESDAY:	Special intention of Mary Conlon
THURSDAY:	Special intention of Patricia Di Maggio
FRIDAY:	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
SATURDAY:	Special intention of Paul Roy Family

A Thought To Remember ...

We cannot desire to be virtuous and then sit back and hope and wait for it to happen.

If we desire to be virtuous we must work at being virtuous.