

# Happy Labor Day!

1. **CATECHISM CLASS:** Children 6 to 14 please meet Father Joseph in the vestibule right after the 10:00 Mass.
2. Tomorrow is Labor Day. May everyone have a safe, happy, and peaceful Labor Day. Let us all remember to pray to Saint Joseph, the patron saint of all laborers.
3. Wednesday is the Feast of Saint Pius X. How much do we owe this good and holy Pope!
4. Thursday is the first Thursday of September, with Holy Hour and Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Abbey Church from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM and 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM.
5. Friday is the First Friday of September, with Masses in the Abbey Church at 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM and all-day Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament from 10:00 AM until 6:00 PM.
6. Saturday is the First Saturday of September, with Masses in the Abbey Church at 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM.
7. Next Sunday, September 7, is the first Sunday of September. Therefore, **there will be NO Mass at Saint Pius V Chapel in Birmingham next Sunday.**
8. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels. Let us pray for EVERYONE. **Let us especially pray for all the war victims, both soldiers and civilians, who are suffering death, injury, and destruction at the hands of their leaders. May God show His merciful Face quickly.**

9. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

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| SUNDAY:    | For the People of our Chapels                    |
| MONDAY:    | Special intention of Jean Rentschler             |
| TUESDAY:   | For Mrs. Li Chhun Hau                            |
| WEDNESDAY: | For the Poor Souls in Purgatory                  |
| THURSDAY:  | Deceased Vincent Boedefeld                       |
| FRIDAY:    | In honor of the Blessed Trinity, in thanksgiving |
| SATURDAY:  | Special intention Paul Roy Family                |



## OF SAUL AND THEN PAUL

Saint Paul was a latecomer in life to the feast-table of Truth. He had a good mind and was a very well educated man. He was a hard-core Pharisee. He was determined and unrelenting in his determination to wipe out every trace of the strange religion left behind by the crucified Jesus. But Almighty God had other plans for this man. The trip to Damascus was a fateful occasion for him, and since that day when the mightiness of Christ first blinded him, Saul – now Paul – spent not one moment on himself. He had more calluses on his feet than a traveling peddler. He endured stoning, chains, prison, flagellation, shipwreck, exile, loneliness, and temptation. But having feasted at the table of Truth and having tasted the sweetness of it, he lashed himself to a holy zeal. Every moment of his life was given to and for Christ.

For Paul the latecomer, much had to be accounted for. For Paul, no suffering, no labor, no hardship, was enough to pay his debt to God. The fruitful years of his apostolate dwindled to nothingness in his mind. The early years when he persecuted Christ, the years of his soul's blindness, loomed large. As long as he lived, the face of Stephen never left his mind's eye, and the part that he had played in that tragedy was always a source of sorrow for him.

In response to the persistent urgings of Timothy for him to slow down and rest his tired body, and take better care of himself, Paul gave thought only to the fact that he had so much to make up for – so much reparation to offer for the many lost years of his misdirected life.

If the ever great Saint Paul had such thoughts of himself, so much the more do we have reason to consider the same about ourselves. As we begin the series on *Confession* by Father Mondrone, let us be mindful that we too have much reason to give careful consideration to the fact that we also have so much to make up for, so much reparation to offer for the years in our lives that have been lost.

## A Thought To Remember ...

The day has arrived where men have become so accustomed to the darkness all around them that they feel the darkness to be normal. Man has wandered far from the rock of faith and truth, building new houses on the deceitful sands of pleasure, wealth, greed, unbelief, and untruth.