

1. **CATECHISM CLASS:** Children 6 to 14 please meet Father Joseph in the vestibule right after the 10:00 Mass. November is the Month of the Poor Souls in Purgatory.
2. Let us not forget that the month of November is dedicated to the remembrance of the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Our prayer for these souls -- ( these people) -- must be of the finest quality; our interest in their behalf must be totally sincere and committed. Every day we must be mindful of the need of the Poor Souls.
3. Thursday November 13, 2008 is the Feast of All Benedictine Saints, and is a particularly Benedictine Feast. Oblates are especially reminded turn to more special prayer to all Benedictine Saints on that day.
4. Friday November 14, 2008 is the Solemn Commemoration of Benedictine All Souls, and is another day of much importance especially to Benedictines. This is another occasion when prayer for the dead is emphasized.
5. Saturday November 15, 2008 is the Feast of St Albert the Great Bishop CD
6. **Early Notice: November 23, 2008**, after the 10:00 AM Mass in the Abbey Church, Father Michael will have the "Renewal of Oblation" for our Benedictine Oblates.
7. Please -- any one who has necessity for the Sacrament of Confirmation **MUST** have official request in the hands of the Abbot before December 1, 2008. Confirmation date has been set for January 29, 2009
8. 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.
9. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)
 

SUNDAY:	For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY:	For the Poor Souls
TUESDAY:	Dec. Elizabeth Bestgen
WEDNESDAY:	Special Int. Elizabeth De Lucca
THURSDAY:	Special Int. Peggy Rosenberg
FRIDAY:	Dec. James Henderson
SATURDAY:	For the Poor Souls



## Purgatory - the Vestibule of Heaven

Fr. A.S. Perret, O.P.

"Actually, we know little of the pains of Purgatory. The Church is content to tell us that the sinner must undergo expiatory suffering here or in the next world, before being admitted into the kingdom of heaven. If we question the theologians, they reply that the souls in Purgatory suffer especially from not being able to see God; it is this postponement that is by far their greatest agony. Here on earth we have an obscure and very imperfect knowledge of God; His ineffable sweetness escapes our understanding. Thence arise the efforts we must make to think of Him and not to be absorbed by all that surrounds us. With the coming of death, however, all is changed; joys, pleasures, honors, riches - all these are as nothing to the separated soul. God alone is everything, God alone is left for the soul to have; and this God is so beautiful and so great, and He contains all good things as He is the supreme and absolute Good. The soul longs to go to Him and to possess Him forever. It is vain, however, for it merely to sigh for Him with all the ardor and all the strength of which it is capable; it must first expiate its sins. Oh unutterable torture! To hunger and thirst for God, to burn with the desire to possess Him and to be unable to satisfy this longing.

### A Thought To Remember ...

"Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb."

"Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and strength to our God  
forever and ever."