

1. **CATECHISM CLASS:** Children 6 to 14 please meet Father Joseph in the vestibule right after the 10:00 Mass.
2. Saturday November 21, 2008 is the Feast of the Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a very special kind of occasion when the parents of our Blessed Mother took the little child to the Temple in order to consecrate her to the service of God. Little did her holy parents of Joachim and Anne realize the awesome significance of this consecration. The entire history of the world would be affected by it.
3. Let us not forget that 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.
4. **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.
5. Please -- anyone who has necessity for the Sacrament of Confirmation **MUST** have official request in the hands of the Abbot before December 1, 2008. **Please Note Confirmation date has been set for Sunday January 25, 2009 Not as January 29 as noted before.**
6. *Those who are to be confirmed should select a Saint's name, and present it to the Bishop at the time of Confirmation. Special cards will be issued for this purpose on the day itself. The name of the Saint, as well as the Baptismal name of the person being confirmed, should be PRINTED in clear print.*
For the Mass no places will be reserved in the Church. At the time of the ceremony, all those receiving Confirmation will approach as for going to Holy Communion, however, all the gentlemen will line up on the St. Joseph Chapel side of the center aisle, while all the ladies will line up on the Lady Chapel side of the center aisle, and approach the Bishop one at a time. Private sponsors are not possible, therefore there will be no private sponsors. Two of our chapel faithful will be appointed sponsors for all.
7. **THE EVER HOLY SEASON OF ADVENT** begins, this year, on the last Sunday of November which is November 30, 2008. Let us begin now, at this time to prepare ourselves properly. We must work to develop a more seriously spiritual atmosphere in our homes. Our little home altars should be changed in order to reflect the penitential season and to better remind us of what we must be about. Everyone complains about the current conditions that have distorted the faces of our church and state. Complaining will not improve anything. **ONLY SINCERE AND COMMITTED PRAYER, SACRIFICE AND PENANCE WILL ATTRACT THE ATTENTION OF OUR LOVING FATHER.** Let us not be wanting in our duty.
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 Welfare of John Maffei
TUESDAY:	For the Poor Souls
WEDNESDAY:	Special Int. Peggy Rosenberg
THURSDAY:	Dec. James Henderson
FRIDAY:	Special Int. of the Donor
SATURDAY:	Special Int. Of Daniel and Jamie Jernigan

A Thought To Remember ...

For our sufferings and actions to have any value before God, it is necessary for us to be in the state of grace. Without grace and charity, we suffer and work to no purpose. The soul that is dead to the life of grace cannot produce any supernatural action. The soul that is dead to the life of grace does not even know (or care) that it cannot produce any supernatural action. Such a soul is perfectly satisfied with no more than natural activity. How tragic that the vast majority of souls no longer have the divine life that God gave them on the day of their baptism. Far from paying off their debts, they increase their indebtedness by continuing their life of sin.

What has happened to the drive of God's grace in the soul of man?