

# HAPPY THANKSGIVING

## GOD BLESS YOU



Thanksgiving should not be looked upon as a purely worldly, commercialistic occasion. Many see it as no more than "Turkey Day," or "Football Day." It is a day for right and proper celebration, of joy and fun, but it is primarily a day set aside (originally) to give profound thanks to Almighty God for all His blessings and protection that He has given us over the years. This year especially prayer should be given for the countless thousands of our brothers and sisters who have suffered grievously. God must be at the center of this day in particular, and our gratitude should be profound and sincere: and our celebration should be profound and sincere! Because of the many leftovers of the Thanksgiving meal, the day after Thanksgiving, a Friday, has by long established Church custom, NOT been a day of abstinence. **Meat of any form may be eaten on that day.** Be not more Catholic than right reason, correct judgment, and humility call for.

No one else, family member or not, must ever be forced to live within a single person's self-opinionated, self-defined "rules and regulations". This applies to all of the elements of good, solid, and proper Catholic living.

1. **CATECHISM CLASS:** Children 6 to 14 please meet Father Joseph in the vestibule right after the 10:00 Mass.
2. This morning, after the 10:00 AM Mass, there will take place the Investiture of, and the Renewal of Oblation of, our Benedictine Oblates.
3. November 29, 2008 begins the Novena to the Immaculate Conception. This novena, obviously, should be look upon as very important. The prayers should be short. Care should be taken that day is observed.
4. Next Sunday, November 30, 2008, is the First Sunday of Advent.
5. Please, Confirmation requests **MUST** be in the hands of the Abbot before December 1, 2008. **Please Note Confirmation date is Sunday January 25, 2009.**
6. Blessed Wheat is available this morning. Please take as many packets as you need. Use it as instructed. Grown-ups are especially invited to make use of this custom.
7. The 2009 Calendars are available at the usual price of \$8.00 each. At Christ the King Abbey in Cullman, see Father Bernard OSB. At Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel in Montgomery, see Mrs. Pam Olson. At Saint Pius V Chapel in Birmingham, see Mrs. Laurie Niebuhr.
8. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)  
SUNDAY: For the People of our Chapels  
MONDAY: Welfare Anne McMahon  
TUESDAY: Special Int. Abbot Leonard's OSB Namesday  
WEDNESDAY: For Sam and Alicia Liburdi - 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv.  
THURSDAY: Dec. Micheline Barrere - Anniv.  
FRIDAY: Dec. Anne Rita Huelskamp  
SATURDAY: Welfare Lee Bultmann

### A WARNING

Today is the Last Sunday after Pentecost, and thus we are once again reminded of the situation which will prevail at End Times. Personal holiness of life must be each one's main concern. If there be holiness in us, what need have we to dread the end of time. Only those WITHOUT HOLINESS fear that dreadful day. For one to be of proper disposition, one must have clearly in mind what God WANTS of him. Such a one must not listen to the objections raised by others that he is trying to be holier than anyone else. Let us look only to ourselves when it comes to the matter of personal holiness. How other people respond to the CALL TO HOLINESS IS SIMPLY NOT ANY OF OUR BUSINESS except that we pray for them. We must look after OUR OWN ANSWER to the CALL to holiness and not make guesses as to what others are doing about their call. DO NOT WAIT TO RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL. We all know how St. Augustine prayed: "Lord, make me holy - but not just yet." St Augustine was taking a very great risk, to be sure. One can go on saying "not yet, Lord" for so long a time that one forgets what God expects of him. In the same way one can go on saying, "I cannot do this!" for so long a time that one finally begins to believe that all such is really impossible for him. And then, of course, such a one will cease to feel the urge and the need to be holy, and for him the flow of grace stops, - putting an end to every thought at doing the Will of God. Seriously speaking, Man was made for God! Seriously speaking, Man is obliged to obey the Will of God in this all-important matter: the salvation of his immortal soul. **LET US ALL BE WARNED!**

### *A Thought To Remember ...*

If the TRUE Traditional Roman Catholic Religion does not very soon become solid enough in its faith convictions amongst its own membership and stop all private interpretation and SOPHOMORIC INFIGHTING with each other and strive MORE to allow the strong links of FRATERNAL CHARITY and UNDERSTANDING to bind together all of its own priests and people, then all of its goals of "restoring all things in Christ," of influencing the true Roman Catholic Society, and of being a Catholic leaven in today's world. WILL NOT BE MET!