

- 1 There will be Catechism classes after 10:00 AM Mass this morning.
- 2 Confessions are ordinarily heard before Masses on Sunday at all Traditional Roman Catholic Chapels. It seems that there are those — wherever — who take the matter of the Sacrament of Penance lightly or are of the wrong opinion that the Sacrament of Penance is really not seriously necessary and not important if one is not in the state of mortal sin. Such ones, rarely, if ever, go to confession. Then claim that they have “nothing worthwhile” to confess. They are of the opinion that they can go directly to God to attend to their daily problems and usual habits of “small sins.” So, why bother with confession? They argue that regular confession promotes the bane of scrupulosity. They give no thought to the fact that those who avoid the Sacrament of Penance continuously are guilty of a basic modernist novus-ordo catholic mind set, which is a serious case of presumption — and which is in itself a serious sin, to be sure! If proper forgiveness of sin told to a validly ordained priest in confession is unnecessary, then everything else Catholic that we normally do as bona fide and honest Catholics is equally unnecessary. Confession of sins to a priest is a Sacrament which gives grace and strength to the soul.
3. In our terrible, troubled days, all filled with situations both fair and foul, let us do everything we can to protect ourselves and our loved ones as best we can. Just as all around us people store important items of food and clothing for reasons of safety and survival, so must we also store items of greater importance items, — — we must store items of a religious nature in our houses. Let us not be wanting in such matters. Such items are of supreme importance. Therefore, keep plenty of holy water in your homes at all times. We have plenty of holy water in the Abbey Church. We give it just for the asking. Soon you will receive blest ashes on Ash Wednesday and then later you will receive blest palm on Palm Sunday. Be certain that you have these items stored away in your homes and keep them in the vicinity of your home chapels. Also, it is very important to have Benedictine Medals in your homes. Work to obtain one or more! We have a limited supply of them. May God Bless you and protect you in every way. Allow your homes to be places of prayer and holiness: and serenity and peace.
4. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels.
5. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard’s schedule only)
 

SUNDAY:	For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY:	Dec. Alexander Cummings
TUESDAY:	For the Poor Souls
WEDNESDAY:	Dec. Geraldine Russnak
THURSDAY:	For the Poor Souls
FRIDAY:	Spec Int. Lucile Hoban
SATURDAY:	Spec Int. Father James Thielen

*Our Lord wants interior souls! He wants generous souls! He wants souls who will apply themselves to contemplation, and who do not count the cost of things that pertain to God. God wants great and noble souls in the practice of virtue, who imitate closely the religious virtues of the first disciples of our Holy Religion, whose only thirst was thirst for sanctity.*

*Jesus wants an enclosed garden. Only God knows how to make a garden beautiful. In this new century — new millennium — Almighty God needs a Spiritual Ark, and He commands us, to construct such an ark, just as once He commanded Noah to build a physical ark for the safety of himself and his family. This Spiritual Ark will be the place of safety and peace for us; a place where God can come to be consoled. The place where we can best give safety, and protection to Our Blessed Lord is in the place of the Ark of the Heart of Man. God doesn't want something new: a new congregation, a new practice, or a new devotion. He does not want religious innovation, religious experimentation. He looks for the condition of the heart of the individual who looks to His loving Son Jesus for instruction and who places the Holy Crucifix before his eyes for his contemplation, and love. Nothing else will do.*

### A Thought To Remember ...

Our tiny Monastic Home Chapel, tiny and humble,  
must be for us a sanctuary where we can always find Jesus