

By the grace of God  
 Next Sunday May 10, 2009 during the 10:00 AM Mass Sister Mary Philomena  
 OSB will pronounce her Triennial Vows (3 years)  
 Please pray for her and for all the Sisters.

1. There will be Catechism Class this morning after the 10:00 A.M. Mass.
2. **Monthly Oblate Meeting after the 10:00 AM Mass this morning.**
3. Next Sunday, May 10, 2009, is Mothers' Day. Miss Theresa Patterson will crown Our Lady on Mothers' Day.
4. **EARLY NOTICE:** The annual Corpus Christi procession on Sunday, June 14, 2009. **\*\*No Mass at St. Pius V Chapel in Birmingham on this day.\*\***
5. **EARLY NOTICE:** *Montgomery Spring Picnic 1st Sunday of June - June 7, 2009*
6. Holy Rosary each evening of May, the Rosary starting in the Abbey Church at 7:10 PM.
7. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels. **LET US ALSO PRAY FOR EVERYONE.**
8. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)**

SUNDAY:	For the People of our Chapels	THURSDAY:	For the Poor Souls
MONDAY:	Special Int. Mother Mary Monica OSB	FRIDAY:	Dec. Michael Duane
TUESDAY:	Dec. Harry Joseph Haase	SATURDAY:	Dec. Joshua Roussel
WEDNESDAY:	For Robert Dumbacher Family		

## Ill Winds

We, no matter who we are, in one way or another, are being blown about by the ill winds of our day. No matter who we are, we cannot help but breathe the air that the ill winds of our day blow about. We have become infected with, and have become accustomed to, the atmosphere that surrounds us, and bit by bit we have learned to surround ourselves with the luxuries of our developed tastes. We have come to like the cushy feeling of the good life which most of us have architected for ourselves. We love God, and there is no doubt about that, but as things have come to be, God has to share space on the mantle shelf with the pretties that, one by one, we have placed there. So true is this that God must somehow contrive a way to break through the stagnation that has settled around and about us if He ever hopes to keep us all reminded that we are ultimately dependent **ONLY** upon Him – that He is the One Who placed us here – that He is the One Who determined our destination – a destination of being with Him through all eternity. He – **NOT US** – is the One Who has determined the way we must travel in order to reach that point of our destination which He has prepared for those who love Him. He is the One Who has determined that the things of this world – indeed, the world itself – are not of a lasting city. He is the One Who has ordered that we look to Him and turn to Him in everything that is. But since the throngs of the people of the earth have been culpably negligent in living up to the demands placed upon them by their **MAKER**, in return He has allowed the whole world – **INDEED, HIS VERY OWN CHURCH ITSELF** – to be turned upside down in order to get everyone's attention (which in general has not been given), and to remind everyone that here is not the place of permanent abode and certainly not the place of anyone's intended final destination.

He so wishes to have us for Himself! But in order to have us, even though He knows that He will not be able to reach so many of the human race, He uses means to force us to our knees, hoping to restore our proper sense of values and correct thinking. He allows punishment, at times, even if at first our thoughts are full of question, resentment, and reproaches. But at such moments of punishment He reminds us – again and again – with terrible and fearful clarity, that He means exactly what He said in those seemingly simple words of the Sermon on the Mount: "Do not be anxious about what you shall eat, or what you shall wear, or where you shall sleep, but seek first the Kingdom of God and His Justice."

Furthermore, let it be known to all men on earth and with the strongest emphasis possible, that the sacred and holy Crucifixion of Jesus Christ was totally a **REDEMPTIVE ACT**, intended by the merciful love of the Almighty Creator of all things. The Crucifixion of Jesus Christ was the way chosen by the Power of God by which Man could once again become able to reach the very purpose of his creation – **SALVATION!** The Crucifixion of Jesus Christ can in no way be interpreted to be some form of divine social work demonstrating solidarity with suffering Man here on earth.

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