

Christ and the Church pray in our place. Such prayer is of a completely new type. "Hitherto you have not asked anything in My name. Amen, amen, I say to you, if you ask the Father anything in My name He will give it you" (John 16, 24, 23). In fellowship with Christ lies our strength, our effectiveness, not the least during prayer. We have power to set heaven and earth in motion; we receive all that we ask for (John 15, 7, 16; 14, 13).

How lost a single human voice sounds in a large church! What power, though, one man can assume when seated at a great organ! He pulls out one stop after another at will, drawing forth music that will fill the wide extent of the church to overflowing with harmony and melody. The sacred building will not confine the fullness of tones; they will sound beyond its walls, filling the surrounding area with music. By means of such an instrument one's voice can be multiplied a thousandfold. By our conscious linking up with the prayer of the threefold Church our own prayer can be elevated almost immeasurably. We are fused with this choir of praying units, plunged in this powerful never ending prayer to be absorbed as a drop of water in the vast ocean. "The multitude of the sea shall be converted to Thee" (Is. 60, 5). Thus we can join in the prayer and song of the everlasting *Sanctus* and *Benedicite*; we need never pray alone, even in the loneliest solitude. **To be Continued...**

1. There will be Catechism class after 10:00 AM Mass this morning.
2. Tomorrow Monday September 14, 2009 is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. We recall the return of the True Cross to Jerusalem by Emperor Heraclius during the Seventh century. After Heraclius had recovered the Precious Relic, he tried to carry it along the road to the top of Mount Calvary. He was unable to make any headway! Bishop Zachary of Jerusalem, pointing to his luxurious clothing said, "Attired in these rich robes, you are far from imitating the poverty of Jesus Christ, and His humility in bearing His Cross." The Emperor caught the hint and went on to Calvary barefooted and wearing a simple cloak.
3. Tuesday September 15, 2009 is the wonderful occasion of the remembering of the Sorrows of our Most Blessed Mother Mary. When she said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to Thy word," little did she know of the future in her life. With these words, she promised to God the work of her life, and the work of her life was to help extend God's mercy to all men. This was to be accomplished by her great and intense sufferings. All of the sufferings of Mary were the COST of mothering the earth's Redeemer. For those of us who claim to love that Redeemer, the sword of sorrow and suffering will be thrust into our hearts also!
4. Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday of this week are the Ember days of autumn. They follow each year the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, September 14th. God made man to rejoice in the possession and use of the good things He placed upon this earth. But God also asks that He be worshiped as the source of everything good, especially of joy. God expects man, by means of penance and mortification and restraint, that man keep and use all good things within reason and within the law of God, and His law as HE, GOD, INTERPRETS IT TO BE FOLLOWED. .
5. Thursday September 17, is the Feast of Saint Hildegarde.
6. **Please be conscientious about reading with much care, each week, and the wonderful discourses on prayer by Father Gräf. Save them for future reference.**
7. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels.
8. **MASSSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)**
SUNDAY: For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY: Special Int. Rita Dumbacher
TUESDAY: Special Int. Wanda Rossi
WEDNESDAY: Special Int. Patricia Jones
THURSDAY: Special Int. May Conlon
FRIDAY: Dec Abbot Hilary Dreaper OSB - Anniv
SATURDAY: Special Int. Father Jamie St. Anthony



A Thought To Remember...

Many of God's good intentioned ones become tired of always having to match wits with "arguers" of all sorts. So much of our precious time is wasted in fruitless arguments — — — time that could be more fruitfully spent in peaceful prayer.