

## THE POOR SOULS

How little do we think of our beloved dead! Their bones lie entombed in all our towns and villages. The lands they have cultivated, the houses they built, the school's they taught in, the churches they once entered, the works of their hands, are all before our eyes. We travel the same roads, walk the same paths, sleep in the same beds and live in the same rooms. We eat at the same tables, mow the same lawns, sit on the same chairs, and we seldom remember that those who once occupied these places and worked where we work, are now gone! alas! forever! Strange that the fleeting cares of life should so soon rush in and overtake our hearts, to the exclusion of those once so near to us!

Our dead; Our beloved dead! Loved even more strongly because they are near to God. How consoling the doctrine that assures us we can pray for them! Are they in suffering? We know not, but love bids us pray for them, and we pray and ask that the Hand of the Lord rest not heavily upon them. We must pray for our dead! We must never forget our dead! They loved us then — they love us now — perhaps more than ever before, but they may very well be in grave need. It might well be that they are at this very moment pleading for our prayers. We must pray for the dead that eternal rest may come to them, and that perpetual light may shine upon them — SOON!

1. There will be Catechism class after 10:00 AM Mass this morning.
2. Saturday, December 21, 2009 is the Feast of the Presentation of our Most Blessed Mother. Tradition holds that Our Lady was taken to the Temple when she was but three years - or so - of age to be consecrated entirely to God. This was the beginning of the preparation for this holy Child. God wanted her to be totally prepared to be His Mother.
3. The Blessing of Bread (Advent) Ceremony is scheduled for Montgomery - Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel, for the Second Sunday of Advent - December 6, 2009. For the Cullman Chapel - Christ the King Abbey Church for the Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 20, 2009. For the Birmingham St Pius V Chapel, Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 20, 2009.

**The HOLY SEASON OF ADVENT** begins this year on the last Sunday of November, November 29, 2009. Let us begin now, at this time, to prepare ourselves properly. We must work to develop a more seriously spiritual atmosphere in our homes. Let us strive to observe at least a "tiny" bit more silence in our homes, perhaps by not playing the music box at full blast. Our little home altars should be changed in order to better reflect the penitential nature of Advent. Let us turn more to prayer - especially the Rosary. Prayer is not a punishment, **it is a privilege** because in prayer we are actually addressing ourselves to God, Himself. Let us pray for those who do not pray or even know that they should pray. Only sincere and committed prayer, sacrifice and penance will attract the attention of our Loving Father. When we receive the Blessed Wheat seeds, please pick up a packet (or as many as you need) and use the wheat as you know how.

### Advent is a time for RECOVERY - SPIRITUAL RECOVERY.

4. The 2010 Calendars are available this Sunday at the usual price of \$8.00 each. At Christ the King Abbey in Cullman, please see Father Bernard, OSB; at St. Pius V Chapel in Birmingham, please see Mrs. George Niebuhr; at Our Lady of Lourdes in Montgomery, please see Mrs. Alan Olson. A Catholic Calendar is a must in a Catholic home.
5. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels. **LET US ALSO PRAY FOR EVERYONE.** It is not for us to determine who to leave out of this prayer. Pray for Mrs. Mary Casey of St. Pius V Chapel.
6. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY:	Dec. Isaac Soileau
TUESDAY:	For the Poor Souls
WEDNESDAY:	Special Int. Mrs William Maddux
THURSDAY:	Dec. Maria Fatima DeChristofaro
FRIDAY:	Special Int. Claire Reichard
SATURDAY:	For the Poor Souls

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

And they brought unto Him also their babies, that He might touch them, which when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them together and said: Suffer little children to come to Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the Kingdom of God. Amen, I say to you: whosoever does not accept the kingdom of God as a little child, shall not enter into it!