

The Quality of Faith

Faith is not only the principle of hope and charity, but is also the source of all the other Christian virtues, such as humility, obedience, patience, piety and chastity, which without Faith would be unknown upon the earth. It is Faith which germinates virtues in the souls of good and properly disposed faithful people. With eyes fixed upon the Holy Face of our most loving and Divine Redeemer, Jesus, it is Faith which nourishes, develops and preserves virtue in the Heart of Man. The more lively be the Faith in Man, the more ardent are all the other virtues, and the more do zeal, determination and generosity show themselves in the offering to God all the sacrifices He requires of us all. With Faith we triumph over the most violent passions and the most terrible temptations. Because of our Faith in God we keep away from the most alluring occasions of sin and overcome the greatest obstacles. With Faith we allow ourselves to be guided by the loving hand of God as easily as little children are guided by the loving hands of their mothers. Without Faith we fulfill no duty or good work with a courageous and constant fidelity. Without Faith we flinch before the least privation or inconvenience. Without Faith we bolt at even the slightest opposition. Without Faith we helplessly and perpetually slink about in the shadows of life.

Faith is most wonderful and a special gift of God to those whose eyes remain fixed upon His countenance with love and devotion and trust!

1. There will be Catechism Class this morning.
2. Monday, April 26, 2010 is the transferred Rogation Day, a day of special prayer. The Litany of the Saints and procession will be held at 4:00 PM.
3. Wednesday, April 28, 2010, is the Feast of Saint Louis de Montfort, and is the Name day of our Brother Louis, OSB. Please keep Brother Louis in your very special prayers.
4. Thursday, April 29, 2010, is the Feast of Saint Peter of Verona (Roman calendar); the Little Palm Crosses will receive their second blessing (against storms) after Mass Thursday morning.
5. Saturday, May 1, 2010 begins our Month of May daily Rosary. The Rosary begins in the Abbey Church at 7:20 PM, followed immediately by Compline.
6. Saturday, May 1, 2010 is the First Saturday of the Month of May, Masses are at 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM
7. Sunday May 9, 2010 is Mother's Day and May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Miss Teresa Sheppard will crown the Blessed Mother.
8. Every day, now, it becomes abundantly clear that a stronger spiritual formation in the Family is a necessity that must be attended to with determination. Failure in this may well have dire consequences in the coming days and times. Even already, the troubled days are upon us. Daily Spiritual Reading must not be avoided. The atmosphere of Prayer and piety in the home has to be fostered. In fostering the spirit of prayer, recall the instructions of Father Gräf and follow them carefully.
9. During the Month of May – please try to have home daily Rosary with all the Family members present.
10. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels. LET US ALSO PRAY FOR EVERYONE.
11. **SPECIAL NOTICE TO OUR CHAPELS:** Sunday, June 6, 2010 (First Sunday of June) is the Solemnity of the Feast of Corpus Christi. Therefore, note the following points:
 - (1) The observance of the Solemnity will be in the Abbey Church of the Monastery.
 - (2) There will be no Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel in Montgomery on June 6 (First Sunday). There will be Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes in Montgomery on June 13 (Second Sunday). The Chapel Picnic will take place after Mass, June 13, 2010 (Second Sunday).
 - (3) **There will be no Mass at St. Pius V Chapel in Birmingham on June 6 (First Sunday) nor on June 13 (Second Sunday).**

N.B. There will be the usual scheduled Mass at St. Pius V Chapel June 20 (Third Sunday)

12. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY:	For the Poor Souls
TUESDAY:	Dec. Alex Cummings
WEDNESDAY:	Special Int. Brother Louis OSB Nameday
THURSDAY:	For Poor Souls
FRIDAY:	Dec. Anna Rita Huelskamp
SATURDAY:	Welfare of St. Joseph's Convent and our Sisters.