

May Crowning — Next Sunday

Next Sunday is May Crowning of our Most Blessed and Beautiful Mother, Mary. Next Sunday is also the day we give honor to our own mothers, those wonderful women who brought each one of us to life and light. In addition, next Sunday one of our little children will receive, for the first time in his young life, Our Blessed Lord in Holy Communion. Next Sunday will be a most wonderful day and a day which the Lord has made. Let us pray that the holiness of that day will fill the minds and hearts of all of us assembled here in this place. Miss Teresa Sheppard will act in the place of us all in placing the crown on our Most Blessed Mother, Mary.

Mary is our Mother, as at the same time the Mother of God, Himself. Is she not, therefore, a Queen? Is she not, therefore, a Queen over and above all queens — all queens who have come before and all who are yet to come? Is not the homage and honor due to her greater than is due to any other? How can any act of homage and prayer offered to her be commonplace and ordinary? After our work, labor, and love for God, our work, labor, and love should go to her.

In these terrible days we need blessing and protection. In our troubles, let us run to her and place ourselves at her feet. Let us not ever omit taking advantage of any honor which is given to her — “our tainted nature's solitary boast.” Let us not ever omit taking advantage of any act of gratitude offered to her. Let us not ever omit taking advantage of any prayer lifted up to her. Let us not omit praying for Miss Sheppard, who so eloquently gives solemn expression to all that is good, holy, and blessed in the hearts of all of us here next Sunday. May God Bless us all. May Mary pray for us all. And protect us all.

1. There will be Catechism Class this morning.
2. There will be an Oblate meeting after the 10:00 AM Mass this morning.
3. May crowning will be held today after Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel, Montgomery.
4. **N.B.:** 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, (Second Sunday). There will be no Mass at St. Pius V Chapel in Birmingham on June 6, nor on June 13, we return to our regular schedule of Mass at St. Pius V Chapel on Sunday June 20.
5. **Special Notice:** In your Charity, please pray for Mr. Kenneth McHenry, who died on Monday, April 26, 2010. Mr. McHenry is the father of our Brother Louis, OSB. Please pray for Brother Louis also.
6. Month of May Daily Rosary every evening in the Abbey Church at 7:20 PM.
7. Monday, May 3rd, is the Feast of the Finding of the True Cross. The third and last blessing will be placed on the little Palm Crosses on that day.
8. Tuesday May 4th, is the Name Day of our beloved Mother Monica, OSB, in your charity please pray for Mother Monica.
9. Our Annual Church picnic will be held on Sunday, May 16th, — Third Sunday of May. Leaflets concerning the picnic are on the Bulletin table in the vestibule. Everybody is welcome with or without a prepared dish. For special information, speak with Mrs. Carol Girardi.
10. Thursday is the First Thursday of May. Holy Hour and Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Abbey Church from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM and 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM.
11. Friday is the First Friday of May. Masses in the Abbey Church at 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM; all-day Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM.
12. During the Month of May — please pray the family Rosary daily. The help of our Most Blessed Mother is so very necessary, especially today. Are we fulfilling Our Lady of Fatima's requests?
13. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels. **LET US ALSO PRAY FOR EVERYONE.**
14. John Patterson will make his First Holy Communion next Sunday
15. **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. Paul Roy Family	FRIDAY:	Dec. Stephen Holup
TUESDAY:	Special Int. Mother Monica OSB — Nameday	SATURDAY:	Special Int. Ann Roberts
WEDNESDAY:	Dec. Kenneth McHenry		

A Thought To Remember ...

Many well intentioned faithful people, in pursuit of the final end of the Christian life, prefer to devote their attention to acquiring perfection of conduct rather than to cultivating the Love of God, and find, as a result of their efforts, that they are as far off from one as from the other.