

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK: (Abbot Leonard's Schedule Only)

- SUNDAY: For the People of the Chapels
- MONDAY: Dec. Mr. Kapusta
- TUESDAY: Dec. Parents of Gary Petzinger
- WEDNESDAY: Special Int. Virginia Balnis
- THURSDAY: Dec. Joseph Sautner
- FRIDAY: Dec. Patricia Cassidy
- SATURDAY: Special Int. Gail Gerbel

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\*\*\* BLESSING OF THE HOME \*\*\*

(Conducted by the Father, or, in his absence, by the Mother).

Father: Peace to my house.

Family: And to all who live here.

Father: The father of the just will exult with glee; let your father and mother have joy.

Family: All nations shall serve Him.

Father: Happy they who dwell in Your House, O Lord! Continually they praise You.

Family: All nations shall serve Him.

Father: Blessed is the man who hears me and who watches daily at my gates and at the post of my doors.

Family: All nations shall serve Him.

Father: O Lord, hear my Prayer.

Family: And let my cry come unto You.

Father: Let us Pray:

Hear us, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Eternal God, and send Thy Holy Angel from Heaven to watch over, cherish, protect, be with, and defend all who live in my house.

I call upon Your Saints, Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, to protect my Family and my home from every harm and danger, and I place their mark over my door to remain there as a constant reminder to us and to all who enter here that my house is truly a house of the Lord.

O God, make the door of my house wide enough to receive all who need human love and companionship; narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling-block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the temptor's power.

O God, make the door of my house the gateway to Thine Eternal Kingdom.

I ask these things in the Name of Jesus Christ Your Son.

Family: Amen.

(After the blessing, the Father inscribes on the main outside doors and any other doors in the house. Print with the blessed Chalk:

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AND WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

If one - anyone - is of the mind to seek perfection (this is a requirement), love of neighbor must occupy the central place in his life - ALONGSIDE - the love of God. There seem to be very few, however, who understand to the fullest, the importance of love of their neighbor. It appears that the love of neighbor has escaped the minds of some of our influential traditionalist religious leaders. Then there are those who insist they do love their neighbor as required by the precept of Charity, but upon examination it is clear to see that they have only an occasional love for their neighbor. Selfrighteousness interrupts Charity when friction, or disagreement or jealousy or doubt or misunderstanding or gossip come to the surface. Then, without trial, the poor neighbor is cast out into the exterior darkness! God's intention is that we must make love of neighbor a full-time occupation. Disagreement must never tarnish love. "Father, forgive them."

There is only one Charity, and one supernatural love, and it is love of neighbor as well as love of God. Hence to aim at perfecting our love of God without meaning to devote ourselves at the same time to the love of our neighbor is the most elementary spiritual nonsense. Some of God's children are excluded from the love we are commanded to give them. The reason we give for such exclusion is that such and such a group for such and such a reason is in the wrong, does wrong things, and is therefore evil - essentially evil. Such people, we reason, should not be allowed to "mix" with good people - God's chosen people - who do all things right. Please recall the selfrighteous pharisee who went to the temple to pray. He could not "mix" with the poor publican - a sinner - at the rear of the temple.

We must never be guilty of judgement. No man has the God-given right to judge ANYONE, and to place any man in the place of the condemned. The prerogative to judge belongs to God, and to God alone! God made all men, and He loves all men. We, too, must love all men without exception, for God makes no exception. Besides, as we give the precept of Charity a more thorough look, let us not forget to contemplate the answer given to the question: "And who is my neighbor?"