1. Next Sunday, February 8, 1998 is Septuagesima Sunday, which means that the Pre-Lenten Season called SEPTUAGESIMA begins. Of course, this Season is not the same as the Lenten Season, but it is a time of preparation. It is a time when attitudes of penance are being formed so that the SPIRIT OF PENANCE can be set in place when the Most Holy Season of Lent does begin on ASH WEDNESDAY.

2. Tomorrow is the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and it is, also, the Feast Called CANDLEMAS. It is called Candlemas, because at the Mass tomorrow, Candles are blessed. In the future, all are to be encouraged to bring candles to church - personal and home candles - so that they can be bless along with the candles of the Church.

3. Please pray for good, holy and wholesome vocations to our Religious Communities: men and women who will be willing to dedicate their lives to the service of God; men and women of genuine mold, honest of mind and heart, able to turn away from world without attachment, and turn toward God; men and women who understand LOVE in its fullest meaning, and who can direct that LOVE entirely to God.

4. Confessions are heard before Masses on Sunday.

5. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Al Sachs. and Ethel Wallace.

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

SUNDAY: For the People of the Chapels MONDAY: For the Poor Souls TUESDAY: Dec. Henrietta Faas

WEDNESDAY: Special Int. Angelo Chiapparo THURSDAY: Special Int. Caroline Sakstrup

FRIDAY: Welfare Antoinette Urso
SATURDAY: Special Int. Paul Roy Family

7. Next Friday is the First Friday of February and Next Saturday is the First Saturday of February - Masses - each day - 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 A.M.



Of Restoration

In our desire to "restore all things in Christ", oftentimes we become too filled with the restoration of THINGS - things long since buried and which have fallen to complete disuse - resurrected things that have, at best, a weak theatrical value; we become too concerned with the preservation of unessential externalisms that have lost all relevance. In so doing (and insisting) we impose a way of life that is artificial and manufactured and which can in no way be judged Catholic in its interpretation! This would be no restoration at all. It is wholeness (SENSUS CATHOLICUS) that we have to try to recover. People, today, have forgotten how to be Catholic! It is LIFE that we have to give to the man of the Twenty-First Century - - not THINGS!

SEPTUAGESIMA