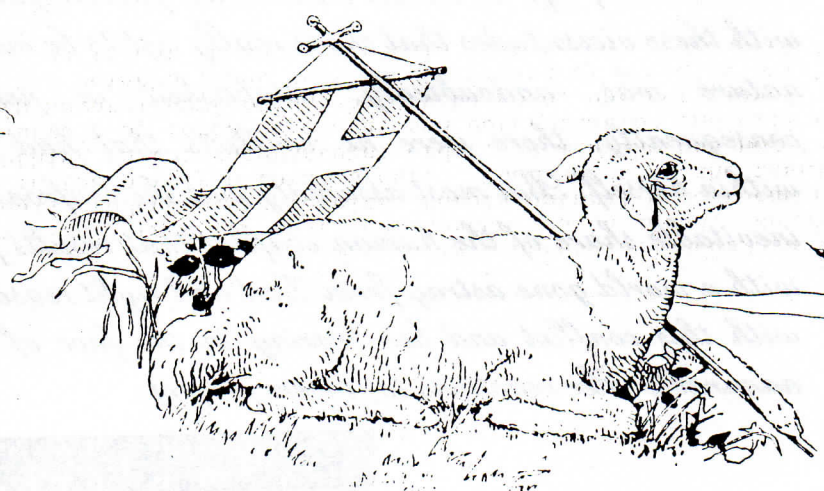


1. Next Sunday is MOTHER'S DAY. May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary will take place at the 10:00 A.M. Mass in the Abbey Church. Miss Catherine Girardi will place the Crown on the Blessed Mother.
2. THERE WILL BE THE USUAL 9:30 A.M. Mass at St. Pius V Chapel in Birmingham next Sunday.
3. After having received their THREE BLESSINGS, the Palm Crosses will be distributed at the Masses of next Sunday.
4. Mr. Gerald Kelley will receive his FIRST HOLY COMMUNION at the 10:00 A.M. Mass on Mother's Day in the Abbey Church. Please pray that the Grace of God will always be in Mr. Kelley's life and in everything he does.
5. On Monday, April 27, the Feast of the great St. Peter Canisius, Reverend Leo Carter, O.S.B. was called by God. Father Leo was in every best way a man, a monk, and a priest. His concern for the sick and the needy was, indeed, noteworthy, and his steadfast love for all men merited for him the love of everyone he touched with the holiness of his life. Please pray for him. As usual, the Monastery of Christ the King will offer Five Masses for the repose of the soul of this great man.
6. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Al Sachs.
7. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's Schedule Only)
 - SUNDAY: For the People of the Chapels
 - MONDAY: For the Intention of the Donor
 - TUESDAY: Dec. Rev. Father Bernard Patterson, O.S.B. (III)
 - WEDNESDAY: Dec. Rev. Father Leo Carter, O.S.B. (I)
 - THURSDAY: Dec. Muriel Newman
 - FRIDAY: Dec. Gilda De Vito
 - SATURDAY: Dec. Shirley Carson



When we speak of the "world" we speak of those men for whom the natural life alone exists, who confine their desires and enjoyments to the life here below. We speak of those men who persist in using the devices of the world to build their dreamed of successes. This world has its principles, its maxims, its prejudices, all borrowed, according to St. John's words, from "the concupiscence of the flesh, and the concupiscence of the eyes, and the pride of life." It is the world for which our Divine Saviour says that He does not pray; it is the world which looks at the Cross as foolishness and scandal.

The world sees only, or rather wishes to see and know only, the natural life both for the individual and for society at large; it only esteems and admires that which appears, which shines and obtains temporal success; it judges by outward appearances and achievements, according to the eyes of flesh; it relies only upon human effort, upon the natural virtues; - that is the way the world judges and acts! The world neglects, and it systematically ignores the supernatural life, and smiles at the idea of a perfection that goes beyond reason alone. Human reasoning, in fact, can only produce human results. Purely natural effort can only be the cause of effects in the purely natural order. That which is the result of nature cannot become something in the supernatural order. A man who has not faith, who has not grace, may attain by force of energy and determination and will and perseverance, to a certain natural perfection; he may be good, upright, loyal, just, a true servant of his neighbor, but this is but a natural morality which, furthermore, ever remains deficient in some particular. Between the natural life and the supernatural life lies an abyss - which cannot ever be crossed! It is, however, with this natural perfection and this natural life that the world contents itself!