
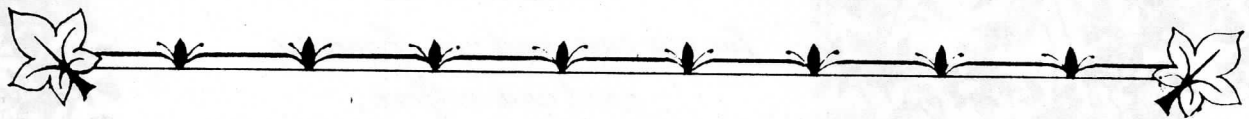




First Holy Communion Day

May God Bless the precious little children who are receiving their
Blessed Lord for the first time today

1. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DAY is always a wonderful day. It is a day of Blessing not only for the Little Children, but for all of us. As we see the Little Children receive their Blessed Lord, Jesus, we cannot but look back to the day when we made our First Holy Communion. As we look back, do we not notice that over the years we have lost so much of the beauty that was for us on that wondrous day? Perhaps our Holy Communion have become mere formalisms, cold and without appreciation of the awesome event? Perhaps our Holy Communion have been made with sin on our souls - without having first gone to Confession? Perhaps we leave the Chapel right after we received? Perhaps we return to our pews, immediately getting lost in our many, many prayers, forgetting that our words should be directly with Him? First Holy Communion Day is always a wonderful day!
 2. God Bless you on Thanksgiving Day! Do not overlook giving proper Thanks to God for all of His goodness to us. From TIME IMMEMORIAL in most of Catholic America, the FRIDAY after Thanksgiving Day IS NOT AN ABSTINENCE DAY. It remains the same for us, and meat may be eaten on that day AND at all meals.
 3. EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT: Saturday, December 8, 2001 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and is a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. Masses in the Abbey Church: 6:00 A.M. - 8:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.
 4. Friday, December 7, 2001 is the Vigil of the Immaculate Conception, and is a day of FAST. Let us remain mindful of this precept.
 5. Because of First Holy Communion, there will be no Catechism Class today. Next Sunday, regular class is scheduled.
 6. After the 10:00 A.M. Mass today, the First Communicants are asked to remain in the Church so as to be Enrolled with the Brown Scapular.
 7. The First Sunday of Advent, this year, falls on December 2, 2001. It is time, therefore, to prepare things in the House for that Wonderful and Holy Season. Blessed Wheat will be available next Sunday.
 8. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Manny Gomez and Miriam Roy.
 9. This year, Marie HENDERSON WILL CARRY THE Baby JESUS into the Church at Midnight Mass. She will place Him in the Crib. Please pray for this young lady as she performs this lovely act of love.
 10. Wednesday, November 21, 2001 is the Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mother. This is OBLATE DAY.
 11. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Abbot Leonard's Schedule Only)
 - SUNDAY: For the People of the Chapels
 - MONDAY: Special Int. Paulita Dudley
 - TUESDAY: Dec. William Wendorf
 - WEDNESDAY: Thksg. In Honor of St. Francis
 - THURSDAY: For the Poor Souls - - - Thanksgiving Day
 - FRIDAY: Welfare Antoinette Wukawitz
 - SATURDAY: Dec. Abbot Gregory Roettger, O.S.B. IV
 12. THANKSGIVING DAY is not a pagan - - uncatholic - - day as some insist on teaching that it is. Therefore, do not feel uncomfortable on the enjoyment of it. It is a proper and good and THANKS GIVING DAY! IT IS also a quite AMERICAN DAY - - and what is wrong with that?
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A handmaid of God once heard these words: "I gave you a religion of life, and you have made it a religion of formulas. I am the creator of good, and you have made Me a tyrant, since in My precepts you see only what displeases you"

From the Preface to Life Everlasting
By Garrigou Lagrange