


1. EPIPHANY CHALK IS STILL AVAILABLE. Please take some home with you.
2. Candlemas Day - Blessing of candles. Please bring candles in nicely decorated containers and PROPERLY IDENTIFIED and place them on the bench in the vestibule.
3. Catechism Class after the 10:00 A.M. Mass today.
4. Please pray for our sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Manny Gomez and Miriam and Forney Roy. Remember - also - Mother Angelica.
5. SPECIAL FOR ST. PIUS V CHAPEL IN BIRMINGHAM - - Priest's schedule and shortage of time demand that:
 - (1) Please do not approach for confession after 9:20. The priest must be able to start Mass promptly at 9:30 A.M. The people should not be kept waiting unduly.
 - (2) Due to the work needed to clear out the chapel after Mass, and the priest's involvement in the clearing of the chapel, kindly bring articles to be blessed ONLY on the Second Sunday of the Month. We are very grateful for these considerations, and hope that no inconvenience is caused by them.
6. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's Schedule Only)

SUNDAY:	For the People of the Chapels
MONDAY:	Special Int. Marguerite McGill
TUESDAY:	Special Int. James Hage
WEDNESDAY:	Dec. Mary Sharrow
THURSDAY:	Special Int. Theresa Farris
FRIDAY:	Special Int. Solange Hertz
SATURDAY:	Special Int. Burns Family
7. Today is the important FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY FAMILY. Let us take the time today to study FAMILY in our homes. Do we live according to our responsibilities to FAMILY? Do we honor one another? Do we exact proper obedience from our children - or - are we overwhelmed by the "COMPUTERIZED SOPHISTICATIONS" our children demonstrate to us? Are our children "SUBJECT" to us with the same quality obedience that our Lord, Jesus rendered unto His Mother and Father? How much like the HOME CONDITIONS of the Holy House of Nazareth are the HOME CONDITIONS in our own houses? Does the Holy House of Nazareth remain a model for us in the running of the daily affairs of our houses, or have we forgotten our urgings about that most wonderful House where Jesus, Mary and Joseph lived out their human needs and affairs, not in the abstract and glamorized way of life, but in the realities that circumstances presented to them each day? The Life of Jesus Amongst men is the DIVINE WAY of living on earth. If God the Son is ever to be discovered on earth by men, He is to be found clothed in all the elements of HIS HUMANITY AND IN ALL ITS CIRCUMSTANCES AND IN ALL ITS CONDITIONS - UNASSISTED - by HIS DIVINITY-



Countenance was wreathed with smiles. Could any man live as Our Lord did in such intimacy with the bluff, gruff, hearty men that His companions were, with never a laugh and never a smile? Was there never a laugh in that sweetest of all homes, Nazareth? Was there never a mirth provoking or mirthful moment in all its years? Laughter, joy, mirth, humour are God-given, and Jesus had all virtues and all graces in perfection.

Laughter and joy have been in the world from the beginning. At the very dawn of its creation Holy Scripture tells us that "The morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for Joy." (Job 38:7). At its new spiritual creation - The Nativity, the message that rang through the Heavens was a song of joy and gladness.

If there was anything reprehensible or too trivial in jollity, in fun, in humour, would there ever have been raised to our altars those glorious ones that smiled and laughed their way through life! Ss. Lawrence, Philip Neri, Francis of Assissi, Francis of Sales, Thomas Moore, and most eminent among all the light hearted, our own bright eyed, smiling, lovable Little Flower of Jesus?

"*Omnis spiritus laudet Dominum!*" A quiet sense of humour is not only an agreeable and valuable social asset, but it is also an essential component of true sanctity. Some one once said, not telling all the truth: "A sad Saint is a sorry saint." Someone else made adequate the description by adding: "Or is no saint at all!" Where good humour and the cheerful joy of faith, that St. Paul so often speaks of, abound, and are manifested exteriorly, there we have something of Nazareth and Bethany.

"Do away with self-will, and there will be no Hell"

St. Bernard