

God! One must read and reread - over and over - the prayer of the Pharisee to sense its viciousness and vile character: "O God, I give Thee thanks that I am not as the rest of men ... extortioners, unjust, adulterers, as also is this publican".

In the vaults of the guarded privacies of our mind, have we not - do we not - at times, judge ourselves as being different from the sinners of the world? Have we not - do we not - at times, consider our victories over sin as the result of our own efforts and determination? Have we ever understood that BUT FOR THE GRACE OF GOD working in us, we would be the worst of street people? Do we realize that we are in no position to place judgment on any man? Have we ever wondered at our own reactions when we are suddenly faced with the vicissitudes and temptations that torture our neighbor?

The boastfulness of the Pharisee was disgusting - especially so because of his state of life. He, if anybody, should have understood that to whom much has been given, from him more is expected. Instead of looking at his unworthiness and his unprofitableness, he boastfully looked upon himself as someone quite special and certainly above the rank and file of the unworthies of the world. No doubt, the Pharisee enjoyed the material securities the world of his day had to offer, and, no doubt, the comforts of his securities helped place him a cut above his fellowman. (To be continued)

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1. Tuesday, August 6, 2002 is the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord. Especially is this remembrance important today. How much do we need to see the Transfigured Christ in today's world! How strongly must we pray that Christ will ever so soon show forth His power and might and wonderfulness and majesty to a world turned almost completely away from Him. Our prayer should be most intense on this occasion.
2. Thursday, August 15, 2002 is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses in the Abbey Church will be at 6:00 AM, 8:00 AM, and 7:00 PM.
3. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Manny Gomez and Miriam Roy. Pray also for all the sick and needy, the suffering and hungry, the oppressed of the world. Pray for all the children of the world! Pray for all Priests!
4. **! PLEASE NOTE !** MASS AT ST. PIUS V CHAPEL IN BIRMINGHAM ON AUGUST 18 (**ONLY**) WILL BE **IN THE BASEMENT OF THE MAIN WILSON CHAPEL CHURCH.** The basement can be entered in the usual way, or from the lower paved parking lot side door, or from the back of the church.
5. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

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| SUNDAY: | For the people of the Chapels |
| MONDAY: | Welfare Bishop McKenna and Dominican Sisters, Monroe, CT (St. Dominic) |
| TUESDAY: | For the Poor Souls |
| WEDNESDAY: | Dec. Isaac Soileau |
| THURSDAY: | Special Int. Ann Roberts |
| FRIDAY: | Special Int. John Hamilton |
| SATURDAY: | In Honor of St. Benedict |

*Of late, in some quarters, there is a renewed interest in the Blessed Eucharist. However, when speaking of the Eucharist, the language used is defective - actually incorrect. The indication is that Christ comes down from His Heavenly Court to dwell in the bread - as though the bread is some sort of reliquary. **At the words of consecration bread is NO LONGER.** At Communion time the Priest does not give bread - or any form of bread - to eat!*

! Important Notice !

Mass at St. Pius V Chapel in Birmingham for the Month of AUGUST

must start promptly at 9:00 A.M.!

We must all be out of Wilson Chapel by 10:00 A.M.

No confessions after 8:45 A.M.