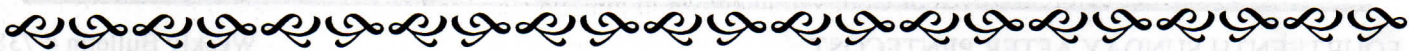


depth of his shame, counted himself as the world's worse sinner - totally UNWORTHY not only of his God, but as well of his fellow men. And so it was that the heart of the publican so quietly and so wonderfully TOUCHED the Heart of his God!

The steps are very few and quite simple by which a sinner may find or miss the way into Eternal Life. Not perceiving his own sin, the Pharisee comes to God as a proud and self-righteous boaster, full of himself, as one who DESERVES reward! The publican, on the other hand, conscious of his terrible sin, completely aware of his extreme unworthiness, and counting himself altogether evil, flees from his sin to thrust himself into the merciful arms of his God. The Pharisee ASKED FOR NO MERCY and got none! The publican asked for mercy and went down into his house - justified!



1. 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! Pray for sinners! Pray for all who have called upon us for prayer and help.
2. We must all learn the power of prayer, and we must learn to make use of the power of prayer. St. John Vianney (the Cure of Ars), had this to say about prayer: *"I know something stronger than God - the man who prays. He makes God say 'YES' when He has said 'NO'."* And St. John Chrysostom had this to say about prayer: *"God governs the world, but prayer governs God Himself."* We must therefore learn how to pray unceasingly.
3. Thursday, August 29, 2002 is the observation of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist.
4. Please go back and put together the four parts of this Bulletin concerning the Pharisee and the publican. In the quiet of your mind and heart, read this presentation carefully. Prayer is a total waste of time and energy if the attitude of prayer is not as desired by Him Whom we dare address. The parable "Two men went up to the Temple to Pray" is not only striking, but also it forcefully tells us of the serious importance of our attitude at prayer.
5. Such attitude as is needed at prayer is needed as well when we approach God in the Sacrament of Penance. Let us be ever so careful that we go to confession, and not put it off for whatever reason. Can we afford the chance we take when we fail to go to confession or when we go to confession carelessly, mechanically, or routinely?
6. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For the People of the Chapels
MONDAY:	Welfare of Vincent McDonnell
TUESDAY:	Dec. Craig Boufard
WEDNESDAY:	Dec. Mr. Kapusta
THURSDAY:	Special Int. of Father Carl Pulvermacher, O.F.M.
FRIDAY:	Dec. Anna Hoe Nguyen
SATURDAY:	Special Int. of Mary Conlon



## *What has happened to us?*

*As things are:*

*The man of today has ...*

*Put Good and Evil back to back - and chosen Evil,  
saying he cannot tell the difference!*

*Put Truth and Untruth back to back - and chosen Untruth,  
saying he cannot tell the difference!*

*Put Heaven and Hell back to back - and chosen Hell,  
saying he cannot tell the difference!*