

The following charming little story should be for the edification of us all:

Legend has it that a great sinner, on a certain day, confessed his sins to a priest beneath a large Crucifix. The man had every mark of firm resolve and sincere contrition. The priest hesitated before granting absolution because the poor man's sins were indeed many and serious. The delay distressed the sinner and he begged for pardon. The priest forgave him and he promised amendment of life. However, after some time, the poor man returned with the same problems, and again the priest hesitated. Once again the man begged for forgiveness and the priest forgave him a second time. A third time, the poor man returned with the same problems and with the same promise of amendment. The priest refused to give him absolution, telling the man that he could not absolve him another time.

At that very instant - sobs were heard. They were not coming from the sinner! They were coming from the Crucifix on the wall! The hand of the figure of Christ became detached from the cross and indicated, by tracing the Sign of the Cross, that the man was absolved, while a voice from the Crucifix said to the priest:

“YOU DID NOT SHED YOUR BLOOD FOR HIM -- I DID!”

1. All Souls' Day envelopes are available. Please pick one up and return it before November 1, 2002. Never neglect the poor, suffering souls in Purgatory, who have only us to help them, as they cannot help themselves.
2. Do not forget to attend to your Home Monastic Altars, and do not fail to use them. Since regular attendance at Holy Mass is not possible for so many of us, these tiny Home Chapels can be a source of great edification and spiritual uplift. The little children should be taught early in life to reverence the area of the “family chapel”, and that they should be taught to say a prayer when near or around it. The grownups should give a good example.
3. There will be Catechism class after the 10:00 AM Mass this morning.
4. 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, and all the children of the world. Pray earnestly for all Priests! Pray for sinners! Pray for all who have called upon us for prayer and help.
5. Next Sunday, October 27, 2002, is the FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING. This is a profoundly great Feast in itself, but for us it is also the Patronal Feast of our Abbey. In today's world who knows about the Kingship of Christ? In today's world who cares? During the coming week, let us clean up the “Throne Room” of our hearts - let us prepare ourselves for the King of Kings and let us proclaim our love for Him with our whole hearts, with our whole souls, our whole minds, and with ALL our strength.
6. **Next Sunday is also the end of Daylight Saving Time - we set our clocks BACK one hour.**
7. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)
 - SUNDAY: For the people of our Chapels
 - MONDAY: Deceased Paul Ploeckelman
 - TUESDAY: Special intention Vinita Kelley
 - WEDNESDAY: Deceased Anna Hoe Nguyen
 - THURSDAY: Deceased Bradley Durward
 - FRIDAY: Deceased Ann Gmoser
 - SATURDAY: In Honor of St. Michael

The Heroic Act of Charity

The faithful who make the Heroic Act of Charity for the Poor Souls in Purgatory, may gain a **PLENARY INDULGENCE**, applicable only to the dead, any day they attend Mass, receive Holy Communion, and pray for the intentions of the Sovereign Pontiff, provided they make a good confession often.

Heroic Act of Charity for the Poor Souls:

O my God, in union with the merits of Jesus and Mary, I offer Thee for the souls in Purgatory, all my propitiatory works, and all those which others may apply to me during life or after my death. I beseech Thee, O my God, to accept this offering, for Thy honor and the salvation of my soul. Amen.