

*Never bound by sets of complicated rules and directives (as were the Scribes and Pharisees, whom He severely condemned), Christ, the Second Person of the Most Blessed Trinity, made no effort to tell us about Bethlehem. He showed us! When He went down to live with Mary and Joseph in Nazareth, He did not tell us about life in Nazareth, He showed us! Finally, when Christ climbed the dreadful steps of Calvary, He did not waste His time describing the length and the breadth and the depth of the dreadful suffering to be endured. He showed us! Sadly, on the part of man - generally - even though we have come to know ALL ABOUT Bethlehem, we do not KNOW Bethlehem! Even though we have come to know ALL ABOUT Nazareth, we do not KNOW Nazareth! Even though we have come to know ALL ABOUT Calvary, and have all the descriptions of Calvary, yet we do not KNOW Calvary! It is a sadness that man has reduced all that is truly important to the level of mere information, which, even though it is all academic, beautiful of expression, well described, modern in interpretation, and completely computerized, is, nevertheless, ALL SO DEAD! We speak of the importance of love, and we say that we truly love, but there is something quite wrong with the love we speak of. Like everything else, we know ALL ABOUT love, but we do not KNOW love. We do not know LOVE - the LOVE that was the motive power that urged the Second Person of the Most Blessed Trinity to find His first comfort on Earth in a lowly stable, to find shelter in a small house in Nazareth, to carry on His sacred Shoulders the very instrument that was to be His terrible torture. Christ knew LOVE (He was and is LOVE) - WE DON'T KNOW LOVE! And for that reason we have difficulties with Bethlehem, Nazareth, and Calvary. And for such as do not know the paramount importance of these moments in the Life of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, Jesus Christ, on Earth, life for all such is quite dead! Eagerly seeking and always searching for the Important and never finding it, all such cling to that which is of no importance, the achievement of which is rewarded with a golden medallion. When the contest is finally over, the many golden medallions can be found in the place where all golden medallions end up, and where they will remain forever!*



1. Regular Catechism class this morning after the 10:00 Mass.
2. Be mindful - always - that November is the Month especially dedicated to the welfare of the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Mostly forgotten these days, our prayers for the Poor Souls are of the greatest importance and urgency. Lest we forget the mercy of God, we, too, may some day be admitted to the precincts of Purgatory, and we, too, will then be in serious need of the generosity and help of those we have left behind. We continue to strongly recommend the "Heroic Act of Charity for the Poor Souls".
3. As Advent is quickly approaching, be sure to prepare your home altars for use, if you have not already done so. Adorn them, as you know how. Above all, let us prepare ourselves for the great Season of Advent. The use of the home monastic chapel, daily special prayer, and the daily Advent readings (to be given out on the First Sunday of Advent), will be a great help in the preparation for Christmas. Let no one persuade you that the otherwise normal and prudent preparations for the Christmas celebration must be excluded from our Advent activities.
4. Wednesday, November 13, 2002, is the Feast of Benedictine All Saints, and Thursday, November 14, 2002, is the Solemn Commemoration of Benedictine All Souls. For us these are days of very serious importance and prayer.
5. Saturday, November 16, 2002, is the Feast of the ever-great Saint Gertrude. May it please Saint Gertrude to pray that God endow us with some of Saint Gertrude's understanding of life.
6. 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 earnestly for all Priests! Pray for sinners! Pray for all who have called upon us for prayer and help. Pray for the Poor Souls.
7. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For the people of our Chapels
MONDAY:	Deceased Elizabeth Edge
TUESDAY:	Deceased Harlin Sautner
WEDNESDAY:	Deceased Robert L. Chandler
THURSDAY:	Deceased Francis A. Seng
FRIDAY:	Deceased Margaret Lutz
SATURDAY:	Special intention Vinita Kelley

