

1. Next Sunday, May 30, 2004, is the Feast of the Holy Ghost – PENTECOST SUNDAY. For some, this Feast is given little, if any, attention. It is given little attention because it is not properly understood. To begin with, taken together with Easter Sunday, this Feast is the largest Feast of the entire year. IT IS THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH. It is the day commemorating the coming of the Holy Spirit and the giving of enlightenment to the otherwise dense Apostles who were all huddled in a locked room for fear of the Jews. When the Light of God came upon them, the Apostles burst forth and fearlessly brought the Message of God to all the peoples of the earth, with all but one (St. John) suffering the glorious death of Martyrdom.

Wisdom, Understanding, and Knowledge are but some of the Gifts imparted by the Holy Spirit. All are of equal importance, but these three are especially important to us in these days of total religious collapse, mental chaos, and cultural disappearance. Never before has Man been in such great need of the guidance of the Holy Spirit as today. The prayers of the Faithful must have NO BOUNDS on such a day. The Novena to the Holy Spirit began on last Friday. Should you have forgotten to begin your Novena on the proper date, begin one at once, anyway, and pray with all your might for the help of God the Holy Spirit.

2. Saturday, May 29, 2004, is the VIGIL OF PENTECOST and is a day of fast and abstinence.

3. **There will be Catechism class this morning after the 10:00 Mass.** Parents who attend Sunday Mass at Christ the King Abbey in Cullman must be alerted to the importance of our Catechism Class. Our Catechism Class is important because it provides our children with the very rare (today) opportunity of catechetical instruction given by a Priest. Our class is a wonderful opportunity for our children to receive safe catechetical instruction, proper guidance, and a good impression of a Catholic PRIEST, all of which have an unprecedented need of repair today. The wholesome Catholic mental formation of the children of today – the grown-ups of tomorrow – with reference to PRIEST is the gravest obligation of all concerned. Exclusivistic and sequestered training is not the answer. The inconvenience in this matter is small payment for the tremendous good bestowed on what is left of that once great pillar of strength: THE ONE, HOLY, CATHOLIC, AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF ROME.

4. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Diane Calandra (our Frater Joseph's mother). LET US ALSO PRAY FOR EVERYONE. Let us pray for ALL the priests and religious men and women of the world. NO MAN, WOMAN, OR CHILD SHOULD BE LEFT OUT OF OUR PRAYER. God made all men to be with Him in heaven for all eternity, and this includes every human being on earth, regardless of station or condition or place. Weak human nature and erroneous persuasions will prevent some from achieving the purpose intended for them by God, but that matter remains entirely between all such and God. We must make no judgments concerning such matters. If there is any sifting to be done, it is to be done by God, Himself alone. We are NOT the ones to do the sifting.

5. **SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI CEREMONY: SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2004, 10:00 AM.** The ceremony and procession will take place at the Abbey Church (weather permitting). THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT ST. PIUS V CHAPEL IN BIRMINGHAM ON THAT DAY. *If anyone in the following list is unable to fill his or her assignment, please notify Father Abbot immediately:*

- **Celebrant:** Father Prior Sebastian, O.S.B.
- **Acolytes:** Frater Joseph, O.S.B.; Frater John, O.S.B.
- **Masters of Ceremony:** Father Michael, O.S.B.; Father Francis, O.S.B.; Frater Bernard, O.S.B.
- **Censor Bearers:** Wyman Vintson; Stefen Roberts
- **Chanters:** Frater Joseph, O.S.B.; Frater John, O.S.B.
- **Baldachin Bearers:** Thomas Girardi; Mark Hand; Sam Liburdi; Michael Winland
- **Cross Bearer:** Ronald Roberts
- **Flower Children:** Andrew Winland; Joseph Patterson; Theresa Patterson; James Hand
- **Torch Bearers:** Mark Shea; Scott Shea
- **Banner Bearers:** Alexander Salillas; Alan Olson; Ethan Muehlbauer; Donald Mullan; Louis Glentz; Chris Christen

- N.B.:
- The Baldachin Bearers are to congregate in the bell tower of the church after Communion.
  - The Banner Bearers are to congregate in the vestibule of the church after Communion.
  - The Censor Bearers, Torch Bearers, and Cross Bearer are to congregate in the sacristy of the church after Communion.
  - The Flower Children are to wait in the designated front pew of the church after Communion.

6. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

- SUNDAY: For the People of our Chapels
- MONDAY: For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
- TUESDAY: For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
- WEDNESDAY: Special intention Olga Milczarek
- THURSDAY: Special intention Gene Deptuck
- FRIDAY: Special intention Catherine Maddux
- SATURDAY: Deceased Edward Sautner