

Let us keep it well in mind, that before Christ comes to us in HOLY COMMUNION, He has already lived and died for us in every hardship and every humiliation and in every circumstance that surrounded Him in life on this earth. He suffered for us in a Passion that is unequalled in the history of physical and mental pain and strain. He continues to suffer a Passion of man's outrage, blasphemy, disregard, forgetfulness, ingratitude, and HATRED unequalled in the history of man. This we have noted above. Nevertheless, freely does He come to us in Holy Communion, and so generously does He give to us the fruits of all He has been through, AND IS STILL GOING THROUGH! His devotion to our needs, our happiness, and our sanctity is not the result of a momentary thought of His. His devotion has the endurance of thirty-three long years on earth, to say nothing of His eternal thought in this regard. And so He continues to give and give and give to us. The very idea is beyond description, and the fact challenges belief. Christ gives to any of us who are repentant and in need so that we might receive again in Him what we have lost in Adam. Such love has anyone ever seen elsewhere?

Our meditation on Virtue now comes to an end. Please bring together the six parts previous to this and keep them together for spiritual reading. The acquisition of virtue is quite impossible for him who does not know love! If there is no love, there is no DRIVE and no reason to work toward a similarity. The very desire for similarity demands the learning of the characteristics of the beloved to whom we ardently desire to be similar. The acquisition of Virtue relates to the learning of the characteristics of Jesus Christ – our Beloved. Jesus Christ – God – made Himself similar to us; therefore **WE HAVE TO MAKE OURSELVES SIMILAR** to Him. Nothing else will do – EVEN IF WE GIVE OUR BODIES UP TO BE BURNED!

The directory that has to be followed:

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| • He was sincere | — We have to be sincere | — But we have to be sincere in our <u>HEARTS!</u> |
| • He was meek | — We have to be meek | — But we have to be meek in our <u>HEARTS!</u> |
| • He was mortified | — We have to be mortified | — But we have to be mortified in our <u>HEARTS!</u> |
| • He was humble | — We have to be humble | — But we have to be humble in our <u>HEARTS!</u> |
| • He was pure | — We have to be pure | — But we have to be pure in our <u>HEARTS!</u> |
| • He was modest | — We have to be modest | — But we have to be modest in our <u>HEARTS!</u> |
| • He was holy | — We have to be holy | — But we have to be holy in our <u>HEARTS!</u> |
| • He sacrificed | — We have to sacrifice | — But we have to sacrifice from our <u>HEARTS!</u> |
| • He was <u>obedient</u> | — We have to be <u>obedient</u> | — But we have to <u>obey</u> from our <u>HEARTS!</u> |
| • And it goes ON AND ON | — — — — — | |

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1. There **will** be Catechism class after the 10:00 AM Mass today.
2. Tuesday, June 29, 2004, is the Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles.
3. Thursday, July 1, 2004, is the Feast of the Most Precious Blood. Let us thank Our Lord for His infinite Love.
4. Thursday is also the first Thursday of July, with the usual Holy Hours in the Abbey Church from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM, and from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM, with each Hour followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.
5. Friday, July 2, 2004, is the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is also the First Friday of July, with Masses in the Abbey Church at 6:00 AM and a special High Mass at 8:00 AM, with all-day adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 10:00 AM until 6:00 PM. The Novena to St. Benedict also begins this Friday.
6. Saturday, July 3, 2004, is the First Saturday of July, with Masses at 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM.
7. Next Sunday, July 4, 2004, is the Fourth of July. HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY! May everyone have a very safe and enjoyable and peaceful holiday! Let us all continue to pray for true peace and freedom for everyone.
8. Next Sunday is also the first Sunday of the Month, therefore there will be **NO** Mass at St. Pius V Chapel in Birmingham next Sunday. *Also, there will be NO Catechism class next Sunday.*
9. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Diane Calandra (our Frater Joseph's mother), and all our sick and suffering Priests. LET US ALSO PRAY FOR EVERYONE.
10. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY:	Special intention Catherine Brueggemann
TUESDAY:	Deceased Grace Giardina (<i>Birthday</i>)
WEDNESDAY:	Special intention Martha Brueggemann
THURSDAY:	Special intention Gail Gergel
FRIDAY:	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
SATURDAY:	Special intention Paul Roy Family

Happy Fourth of July!