

The Blessing:

Visit, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to bless this, our place of prayer and worship, and drive far from it all the snares of the enemy; let Thy holy Angels dwell herein to preserve us in peace, and let Thy blessing be forever upon us. Through Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord, Who with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost lives and reigns, God, world without end. *Amen.*

The father or the head of the family then sprinkles the little Chapel with Holy Water. This done, the entire family now enters the Chapel to pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary.

Because of the seriousness and holiness of the occasion, the remainder of that evening should not be dissipated with worldly affairs or distracted by the reading of frivolous, non-religious books, magazines, or newspapers; the listening of music; the looking at television; using the computer; or searching the internet. The atmosphere of quiet prayer (contemplation) should fill the entire household with silence or subdued talking being observed by all until bedtime on that special night.

The above has been outlined for those living in family conditions. The very same suggested ceremony should be observed by those who are simply husband and wife without a family, or single individuals living alone. The sick also, and those living in nursing homes or confined to bed can use the same ceremony. The blessing of the sick person lying in bed is just as powerful as that of the father in the midst of his family circle. No matter the person or the situation or the condition or the place, the ceremony remains the same. The importance and holiness of this entire affair is seen by Him Who sees all and comprehends all things. After all is said and done, anyone who acts with true Catholic religious faith and sincere piety and intention can say without fear of contradiction or ridicule:

“My house shall be called a house of prayer. In it everyone who asks shall receive, and he who seeks shall find, and to him who knocks it shall be opened.”



1. There will be Catechism class after the 10:00 AM Mass this morning.
2. Monday, November 15, 2004, is the transferred Commemoration of all Benedictine Poor Souls. Let us remember these Poor Souls in their sufferings and they in turn will help us in our sufferings.
3. Next Sunday, November 21, 2004, after the 10:00 AM Mass in the Abbey Church, we will have the annual renewal of oblation of our Benedictine Oblates. Therefore there will be NO Catechism class next Sunday.
4. **N.B.:** On the ground on either side of the front steps of the Abbey Church (and elsewhere), can be seen what appear to be large green disks made of plastic. Please do not attempt to pick them up, as they are part of a new termite protection program we now using. They are **NOT** harmful to humans or animals (only termites), but please instruct your children not to bother them or attempt to pull them up. Thank you.
5. The 2005 Calendars are now available at the usual price of \$6.00 each. Please see Mrs. Pam Olson in Montgomery; Mrs. Laurie Niebuhr in Birmingham; Fr. Abbot or Fr. Francis in Cullman.
6. 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. Any sifting to be done will be done by God alone.
7. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY:	Deceased Anton and Margaret Satori
TUESDAY:	Welfare Ken Gilliam Family
WEDNESDAY:	Deceased Cora Segura Cousin
THURSDAY:	Special intention Deborah Black
FRIDAY:	Special intention Anna Rita Huelskamp
SATURDAY:	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory