Happy Fathers' Day!

Blessing of Fathers and Children on Fathers' Day

(Fathers and Children please kneel)

¥. Preserve thy sons, O Lord.

R. Who trust in Thee, my God.

V. Send them, Lord, aid from on high.

R. And from Sion watch over them.

R. And the son of evil have no power over them.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

V. The Lord be with thee.

R. And with thy spirit.

LET US PRAY.

O most watchful Guardian of the Incarnate Son of God, glorious St. Joseph, what toil was thine in supporting and waiting upon the Son of the Most High God, especially in the flight into Egypt. What concern was thine in providing the daily needs of your Family. How solicitous you were of the marvelous union that existed between you and your Immaculate Spouse. We look to you for guidance and example in these days of serious decline of respect for the place of the Father in the family.

Holy Father Joseph, obtain for us the graces we need in the fulfillment of our duties of Fathers. Keep before us at all times the needs of our beloved wives and our dear sons and daughters. Obtain for us the patience we need to understand the troubles that might besiege the members of our families. Teach us to keep our families uppermost in our minds, never permitting the demands of our employment in the market place to overshadow the requirements of family life. Protect us from the virus of materialistic worldliness. Help us keep the Holy House of Nazareth ever before our eyes. Amen.

May the peace and blessing of Almighty God, Father, ♣ Son, ♣ and Holy Ghost, ♣ come upon you, and remain with you for all time. Amen.

- 1. There WILL be Catechism class after the 10:00 Mass this morning.
- 2. Today is FATHERS' DAY a very special day. Let us offer strong and fervent prayers for all FATHERS everywhere. The image of Father, like the image of Mother, has denigrated over the past several years. Father does not generally exert the strong and good influence he once exerted over the family. The direction which the members of a family takes is very much determined by the influence of the Father. He must be strong, and he must be firm and consistent, but kind. He must give good example at all times. In the matter of religious observances and the living of a virtuous life, he LEADS! he must never force. He must always remember that the welfare of his family (both spiritual and physical) must always be uppermost in his estimation. He must be a good provider, but he must not think that he is doing the most good by earning more and more money. Simplicity of life and holiness of life must always be taught by him NOT wealth and good living.
- 3. Friday, June 24, 2005 is the Feast of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist.
- 4. On Monday, July 11, 2005, the Solemnity of our Holy Father Benedict, our Frater John, OSB, will pronounce his Final Vows as a Benedictine Monk. These are the Life Vows of Frater John. Please pray for him and his intention. The article on the front of this Bulletin (and next week's Bulletin) gives a description of the interior life of monastics. However, this description applies to all of God's Children, though perhaps with less emphasis for the laity than is required of a monk or a nun. Pray for us!
- 5. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels. 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. While Our Blessed Lord was hanging on the Cross He did not look around and pick and choose those for whom He was dying. He did not exclude a single member of the Human Race even His enemies from the wounded Love that came forth from Him during those momentous moments. 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. Our only duty is to pray for **souls**. We 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.
- 6. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY: For the People of our Chapels

MONDAY: Deceased Edna and Richard Caretti

TUESDAY: Welfare Marguerite McGill
WEDNESDAY: Special intention Claudia Gehl
THURSDAY: Deceased Leona Olejniczak
FRIDAY: Special intention Thomas Jacket

SATURDAY: Special intention Colette Sherman