

- ❖ It ill behooves us to think upon the necessity of temperance in food, drink, and pleasure during the moment of prayer, if the rest of the day is spent in preparing delicate morsels, mixing fancy drinks, buying expensive designer clothing, continually gadding about, and generally giving in to our pleasure addictions.
- ❖ It ill behooves us to feel the warmth of meekness of heart at the moment of prayer, if the rest of the day is spent slamming doors in the face of anyone who opposes us.
- ❖ It ill behooves us to meditate on the errors of speaking ill of others at the moment of prayer, if we spend hours without end gossiping on the telephone and computer throughout the rest of the day.
- ❖ It ill behooves us to seek after holiness of life during the moment of prayer, if we then spend great portions of the day in front of the television or on the internet.
- ❖ It ill behooves us to show desire for the virtue of humility at the moment of prayer, if the rest of the day is tortured with hurt feelings, resentments, mental agony, self-pity, and vainglorious thoughts.
- ❖ It ill behooves us to pray for a virtuous life at the moment of prayer, if the rest of the day we live the life of a worldling who has no notion of virtue.
- ❖ It ill behooves us to desire to become saints at the moment of prayer, if we fail to practice self-denial the rest of the day.

The above list could go on and on, as so many of us are guilty of lukewarmness. It seems that we keep going through life pretending but never becoming – “almost but not quite!”

If we do not seriously intend to live up to our desire of living the spiritual life and allowing *CONVERSIO* to operate within us, *it would be better for us not to have made any pledge at all.*

1. There will be Catechism class after the 10:00 AM Mass this morning.
2. Monday, September 12, 2005, is the ever beautiful Feast of the Holy Name of Mary. The more we call on that most holy Name, the more likely will the most holy Name of Jesus become imprinted on our hearts.
3. Wednesday, September 14, 2005, is the Feast of the Exaltation (Finding) of the Holy Cross. The Holy Cross is a most priceless Gem, yet how many there are who place no value upon it. Unbelievers look upon it as a worthless piece of wood with no authentic claim as the true Cross of Our Lord.
4. Thursday, September 15, 2005, is the Feast of the Commemoration of the Seven Sorrows of our Blessed Lady: our Sorrowful Mother! How great indeed is the sorrow of our beloved Mother as she looks about and sees the hateful disregard that is daily directed toward her Divine Son – and toward herself, as well. It is nearly an obligation on the part of everyone of us to do something to alleviate her pain and sorrow, especially on the days when her sorrow is brought to our attention.
5. Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:00 PM today.
6. *Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel in Montgomery*: Sunday, October 2, 2005, the first Sunday of October, Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel will have its annual fall potluck picnic after Mass in Montgomery. For more information please contact Mrs. Pam Olson: (334) 361-7030.
7. 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.
8. **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 victims – living and dead – of Hurricane Katrina
 - WEDNESDAY: Deceased Ofelia Bernardo
 - THURSDAY: For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
 - FRIDAY: Welfare Thomas de Vore Family
 - SATURDAY: Special intention Peggy Rosenberg

