

1. There WILL be Catechism class after the 10:00 AM Mass this morning.
2. There WILL be the usual 5:00 Sunday Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament this afternoon.
3. Friday, February 24, 2006, is the Feast of Saint Matthias the Apostle.
4. **EARLY NOTICE:** We will have **First Communion** for children during the 10:00 Mass on **Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14, 2006.** Anyone with a child who is ready for this awesome and important privilege, please see Father Francis, who will examine each child on how well they understand their religion, especially Confession and Communion. First Confessions will be heard on the Sunday before Mother's Day (May 7, 2006).
5. **Each day on the Abbey's Website, we present a short, practical reflection on the spiritual life. Simply click on the button, Daily Spiritual Notes, at the top right of the scroll.**
6. 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.
7. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)
 

SUNDAY:	For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY:	Special intention Marian Ploeckelman
TUESDAY:	Special intention Vincent McDonnell
WEDNESDAY:	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
THURSDAY:	Deceased Margaret Avena
FRIDAY:	Welfare Joan Burke
SATURDAY:	Special intention Florence De Coux

To understand our own life, it is necessary for us to make a careful and correct study of the Life of Christ. However, we must be careful not to allow ourselves to be taken in by the external and imaginative features of Christ. We must not fancy ourselves to be following in Christ's footsteps just because we are given to certain practices of virtue (sometime invented practices), which bear some resemblance exteriorly to those which He exhibited. It is true that to imitate Christ is to act as He acted, but it is equally true that such imitation would be out of balance, even quite empty, if our will were not determined – seriously determined – to try to THINK as He thought as regards the humble attitude which formed His mind and heart; as regards the spirit of holy obedience which gave direction to every act He performed; as regards the charity which gave true and perfect meaning to every breath He took; as regards the purpose of life – His life and our life. To make our quest after sanctity issue forth into any real transformation of our souls – **CONVERSIO** – we must make a study of the interior dispositions that prevailed in the mind and heart and soul of our Blessed Lord. We must grasp the broad principle according to which He worked out His life's task. Misdirected attention to the details of the footsteps Christ took while on earth can give but small result when compared to the results apprehended when we work to comprehend and strive to accept Christ's whole mental attitude towards life itself. If we seize and strive to accept Christ's whole mental attitude and if we try steadily to adjust our own to it, we shall, in spite of our constant lapses in religious practices and of repeated falls into sin, still secure ourselves against that agonizing sense of failure and loss which torments so many at the close of life – **AT THE MOMENT OF DEATH!**



*Some people  
carry their devotion  
in their books.*

