

1. There will be **NO** Catechism class after the 10:00 AM Mass this morning.
2. There will be **NO** usual 5:00 Sunday Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament this afternoon.
3. Blessed Ashes will be distributed after all Masses today. Also available today are the usual packets of Blessed Ashes. Please help yourselves and take them home, as sacramentals, to be scattered around your house and grounds and in your flower beds and vegetable gardens.
4. Tomorrow, March 6, 2006, at 10:00 AM, the family of Doctor Perry Prescott will receive the Sacrament of Baptism (conditionally) and be received into the Catholic Church. The Prescott family is the family of our Justin Prescott. When an entire family approaches the Sacrament of Baptism, it is time to stand up and take special notice. The Prescott Family will make their First Holy Communion at the 10:00 Mass next Sunday. Please pray most earnestly for this family, for having answered the call of God's grace.
5. Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday of this week are the Lenten Ember Days, and are days of special prayer. They are also days of fast and abstinence. The abstinence is partial for Wednesday and Saturday – meat may be eaten once (at the main meal) on Wednesday and Saturday. Ember Days are the days at the beginning of the seasons ordered by the Church. They were definitely arranged and prescribed for the entire Church by Pope Gregory VII for the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday following: the Feast of St. Lucy, December 13; Ash Wednesday; Pentecost Sunday; and the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, September 14. The purpose of these days is thanksgiving and petition for the bounties of the harvest.
6. Next Sunday, March 12, 2006, begins the Novena to our most Holy Father Saint Benedict, whose Feast Day is March 21. Please join us in special prayer to Saint Benedict, especially during these most troubled and uncertain times.
7. The Feast of Saint Gregory the Great, March 12, 2006, falls on Sunday this year; therefore the Feast of Saint Gregory is transferred to Monday, March 13, 2006. Let us be sure to ask Saint Gregory for his blessing and protection, not only for the Catholic Church as a whole, but also for the Benedictine Order.
8. **Stations of the Cross** each Friday evening during Lent at 7:00 PM, followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Our very troubled times cry out for special penance and sacrifice. Those who can are urged to attend the Stations (or at least do so in their home chapels) and offer this sacrifice for the welfare of all those whose will is good and whose intention is to love God with genuine devotion but who, because of circumstances, are unable to live the life asked of them by their Holy Religion.
9. **N.B.:** Let us all remember to make our Easter Duty this year: "All the faithful who have reached the age of their reason must sincerely confess their sins at least once a year. This confession need not be made during the Easter time, but because of the prescribed Easter Communion it is practical to make it at this time... All the faithful who have attained the use of their reason must receive Holy Communion at least once during the Easter season... The Easter season within which one must receive Holy Communion usually extends in the United States, from the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday." (*Moral Theology*, Fr. Heribert Jone, 1961)
10. **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).
11. 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.
12. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY:	Special intention Gordon Keane
TUESDAY:	Special intention Bertha Saiz
WEDNESDAY:	Welfare Benjamin Pim
THURSDAY:	Special intention Helen Patin
FRIDAY:	Deceased Guido Del Rose
SATURDAY:	Deceased Edith Merrit

