

1. THERE WILL BE CATECHISM CLASS, FOR THE FIRST COMMUNICANTS ONLY, 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. 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 their full religious life.
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. First Confessions will be heard on the Sunday before Mother's Day (May 7, 2006).
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. 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:	Welfare Saint Joseph's Monastery (<i>Feast of Saint Joseph</i>)
TUESDAY:	Welfare our Benedictine Monks and Nuns (<i>Feast of Saint Benedict</i>)
WEDNESDAY:	Thanksgiving Marian Ploeckelman
THURSDAY:	For the Tsunami Dead
FRIDAY:	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
SATURDAY:	Thanksgiving of our Monastic Communities (<i>Feast of the Annunciation</i>)

GLORIOUS SAINT JOSEPH, PRAY FOR US.

Tomorrow, March 20, 2006 is the transferred Feast of Saint Joseph, Spouse of Our Lady and Patron of the Universal Church. It is also the Patronal Feast of Christ the King Abbey Church, the Patronal Feast of Saint Joseph's Monastery, and the Name day of our Frater Joseph, OSB. Please remember our holy Religion, our Abbey Church, our Convent, and our Frater Joseph in your special prayers.

Saint Joseph was a man in possession of the highest virtues, and for that was he chosen by God to be the Foster Father of His Divine Son while he was on earth among men. No doubt Saint Joseph's knowledge and wisdom and understanding were above such virtues found in those around him, and for him these virtues were ever so important because it fell to him to teach the Divine Son of God. Such a Student required the very best of teachers. In addition to these holy virtues there was in him a HUMILITY that was most uncommon. (True knowledge is productive of true humility.) Then there was his silence. No word is to be found that was ever spoken by this good and holy man of God. For our part let us learn from this great saint true humility and silence and learning. Let us use our learning for the good of our Creator, not for the satisfaction of our ego development.

MOST HOLY FATHER SAINT BENEDICT, PRAY FOR US.

Tuesday, March 21, 2006, is the Feast of our holy Father Saint Benedict, model of humility. Without going into a lengthy presentation, suffice it to say that Saint Benedict and his monks were the primary ones who carried the unbroken chain of learning straight through the ages of recorded history. Were it not for these holy monks, much of what we have today – critically important foundations of learning and truth – would not have been handed down to us and would have been lost forever. Let us pray for our monks and nuns especially this Tuesday. Were it not for our monastic forefathers, what religion, as we know it to be, would there be to speak of?

O HOLY VIRGIN MARY, PRAY FOR US.

Saturday, March 25, 2006, is the Feast of the Annunciation of our Most Blessed Mother. She is another clear example of HUMILITY. On that day, so long ago, all the angels of heaven were silent and breathlessly waiting for her response. What angelic exultation must have echoed through the vaults of heaven when this lowly and humble maiden simply said, "I will do it"! This humble and unknown young girl shook the very foundation of hell! The promised WOMAN had arrived, and she was ready to crush the head of the great deceiver! "*Ecce ancilla Domini, fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.*" – "I will do it!" All the combined and accumulated force and strength of man from ages past through ages yet to come, is not equal to the cosmic power of these few words. The greatest of all the things of earth have come to us through the hands of God's lowliest and most humble ones! God has nothing to give to, or receive from, those of worldly power and strength and learning!