

Anytime our Lord gave a lesson to the people, He followed it with an appropriate parable which would give understanding and meaning to the listeners. He always explained the meaning of His lessons clearly, at least to the Apostles. Let it we carefully noted that there was NO PARABLE here. He clearly said what He meant and He meant exactly what He said – and THAT WAS THAT! When some of His hearers, refusing to believe, went away – HE LET THEM GO! He did not call them back, promising to explain. There was no explanation, and as they would not accept His word – HE LET THEM GO THEIR WAY! He would also have let the Twelve Apostles go had they too refused to take His words exactly as he said them and exactly as He meant them. The way in which He was going to make this wondrous Gift to man and the manner in which His Body and Blood were to be received, He did not at that time explain.

Sadly watching the people leave Him, He turned to the Twelve and asked, “Will you also go away?”

Simon Peter, his face aglow with love and loyalty, replied for all, “Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life. And we have believed and have known that Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Christ felt keenly the rejection by His chosen people of His best Gift, and the cold and unbelieving desertion and hardening of heart of so many of them. He felt an even greater sadness knowing as He did of the many who, throughout the ages would walk away from Him saying, “This is a hard saying, who can hear it?” So is the same being said, even to this present day, especially by so many of His “consecrated” and “committed” “disciples”, His official teachers of truth and doctrine, who loudly proclaim from their places of authority that the words of Christ were merely symbolic! Who say with authority, “To go to church on the grounds that one can visit God Who is present there is a senseless act which modern man rightfully rejects.” HORROR OF HORRORS!

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1. **CATECHISM CLASS:** There will be NO Catechism class this morning.
  2. There will be NO 5:00 PM Sunday Vespers this afternoon.
  3. Tuesday, July 11, 2006, is the Solemnity of the Feast of our most Holy Father Saint Benedict. The Novena in preparation of this Feast begins today, Sunday, July 2, 2006.
  4. Tuesday is the Fourth of July. May everyone have a very happy and safe Fourth of July.
  5. Thursday, July 6, 2006, is the first Thursday of July, with the usual Holy Hour and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Abbey Church from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM and from 3:30 PM until 4:30 PM.
  6. Friday, July 7, 2006, is the First Friday of July, with Masses in the Abbey Church at 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM and all-day Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament from 10:00 AM until 6:00 PM.
  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: Welfare Father Hector Bolduc
    - TUESDAY: For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
    - WEDNESDAY: Welfare Father Zendejas
    - THURSDAY: Welfare Velma Kristofah (91 years old)
    - FRIDAY: For Vivian Stephenson
    - SATURDAY: Deceased John Redmond
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*God Bless*  
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# Happy Fourth of July!