

The Cross of our Blessed Lord is a healing medium. To the one honest of mind, purpose, intention, desire, and decision, temptation can be a source productive of very great sanctity. God has a serious purpose behind the many sinful and humiliating thoughts and emotions He allows us to experience and to suffer. If we approach these perversions in the right and proper way (the way of so many of the saints who suffered and won the good fight before us), we can and we will draw healing benefits from our pride and self-conceits, from our self-satisfactions and self-love! The self-righteous, like the poor Pharisee who went up to the temple to pray, whether they wish to realize it or not, go about their daily lives unjustified – even with interior dissatisfaction and turbulence.

Healing and correction and good come about to those who have the God-given grace to recognize their unworthiness and lowliness. It is a grace to know one's nothingness before God! The journey toward the knowledge of one's nothingness is the journey toward God! To those who do not believe, this is nonsense. To those who do believe, this is glory. It is not demeaning. It is glory! Only when one comes to the realization of his real interior condition, and with honesty acknowledges it to himself, does he comprehend his need of God's help and grace – and he will get it! A genuine and honest evaluation of one's self is critically important!

Daily and hourly our thoughts, emotions, and temptations should give us an ever renewed proof of our inner disturbances and of our complete unworthiness in the eyes of God. Therefore, if we but work to recognize what is faulty in us, and humbly and honestly acknowledge it to ourselves, we would come to the conclusion that we have to learn how to deal with the problem of temptation. We must resolve to fortify ourselves in virtue, no matter the cost, and thus we will have reached the foundation and the necessary starting point of all virtue – HUMILITY! King David said in his psalms. "It is good for me that thou hast humbled me; that I may learn justification."

Properly understood and used correctly and with prudence, first thoughts and emotions – temptations – can become daily and hourly opportunities to strengthen ourselves in virtue and correct living. First thoughts – temptations – can be wonderful opportunities for grace, for grace builds on nature. With emphasis it must be said that all that is necessary is to recognize these impromptu inner processes and to handle them correctly and immediately, right on the spot. Procrastination in this area is most harmful.

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1. **CHILDREN'S CATECHISM CLASS:** please meet Father Joseph in the vestibule right after the 10:00 Mass.
 2. There WILL be 5:00 PM Sunday Vespers and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament this afternoon.
 3. Today is also the Feast of Our Lady of Ransom (Roman calendar).
 4. Friday, September 29, 2006, is the Feast of the Dedication of Saint Michael the Archangel. It is also the Name day of our Father Michael, OSB. Please keep Father Michael in your special prayers on that day.
 5. Next Sunday, October 1, 2006, is the first Sunday of October. **Therefore there will be NO Mass at Saint Pius V Chapel in Birmingham next Sunday.**
 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:	Deceased Marguerite McGill
TUESDAY:	Deceased Marguerite McGill
WEDNESDAY:	Welfare Denis Nolan Family
THURSDAY:	Welfare Angelica Bartlett
FRIDAY:	Special intention of Donor
SATURDAY:	For Ralph Damico

Early Notice: Sunday, October 29, 2006 (the last Sunday of October), is the glorious Feast of Christ the King, and is the Patronal Feast of Christ the King Abbey. For us this year, this day is of special significance. Three young men, praise God, are going to enter the Novitiate to become monks of Christ the King Abbey. They will be clothed in the Benedictine Habit as Novices during the 10:00 AM Mass in the Abbey Church that morning. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament will follow immediately after Mass. **THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT SAINT PIUS V CHAPEL IN BIRMINGHAM THAT DAY (OCTOBER 29).** There WILL be 5:00 PM vespers and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Abbey Church that day (October 29).