

In the common regular places of the monastery the silence and recollection with which the monks work, study and pray together enhances the whole atmosphere of silent work and prayer. Moreover, all of it is brought together by a single-minded charity, which makes the fruit of each one's prayers, merits, and virtues become the spiritual possession of all. The pious laity, desiring to be freed of the disquieting effects of quarrel and all improper attachments and who come knocking at the door of the monastery and its holy temple, have every right to expect the best of all this earth can give. Furthermore, those same faithful and pious souls have the right to know that they form part and parcel the same single-minded charity that makes the fruit of the monastery delightful and helpful to all mankind. What better way is there for anyone to offer love and service to God than this?

What is here said about the monastery and the monks can be said with ever more serious emphasis about the holy nuns who live in a contemplative convent. Such ones, more than all others, are the angels of God on this earth. It cannot be estimated the good brought about by the dedicated hands of the Brides of Christ – our nuns.

1. **CATECHISM CLASS:** Children 6 to 14 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. Wednesday, October 11, 2006, is the Feast of the Holy Motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
4. Friday, October 13, 2006, is the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima (Roman Calendar). In the name of everything that is important, let us turn to and observe the directions given to us by Our Blessed Mother at Fatima.
5. On Sunday, October 29, 2006, because of the ceremony of the investiture of the novices, ***THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT SAINT PIUS V CHAPEL IN BIRMINGHAM THAT DAY.***
6. Also on Sunday, October 29, 2006, Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament will immediately follow the 10:00 Mass. There **WILL** be 5:00 PM vespers and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the afternoon.
7. October is the Month of the Holy Rosary. Join us in reciting the Rosary each evening of October in the Abbey Church at 7:10 PM, followed immediately by Compline. Those who cannot attend in person can at least join us spiritually by reciting the Rosary at the same time at home, when and where possible.
8. The Holy Souls envelopes are available. Please return them **before** November 1, 2006.
9. **N.B.: THE LAST SUNDAY OF OCTOBER, (10-29-06), DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS — REMEMBER TO SET ALL CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR.**
10. 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. We make **no** judgments concerning such matters.
11. **MASSSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY:	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
TUESDAY:	Special intention Sister Laurene, O.P.
WEDNESDAY:	Special intention Joseph McMahon
THURSDAY:	Special intention William Kent
FRIDAY:	Special intention Joseph Westrick
SATURDAY:	Deceased Frances Lokenberg

Repentance

We must repent of our past sins with a steadfast repentance, that is, with a repentance that is composed, constant, and tranquil, not excited, restless, untrusting, or discouraged.

However, we must clearly understand that repentance is not merely the erroneous concept of simply changing an attitude. Repentance – true repentance – is a rebirth in the new dispensation of Jesus Christ. Repentance is not just a sorrow for having offended God, thereby losing the reward of heaven and gaining the horrors of hell. Repentance – true repentance – is a new way of living. It is constantly striving to live a life that avoids sin. It is living a life of prayer, begging for a daily, even hourly, consistent overcoming of the evil within us.