

1. **CATECHISM CLASS:** Children 6 to 14 please meet Father Joseph in the vestibule right after the 10:00 Mass.
2. There will be **NO** 5:00 PM Sunday Vespers this afternoon.
3. The 10:00 AM Mass this morning is in Honor of the most Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Please read the front page of this Bulletin carefully, and let each one of us meditate carefully upon it.
4. Saturday, January 13, 2007, is the Commemoration of the Baptism of Our Lord.
5. Blessed Epiphany Chalk is now available. Please help yourselves. We place much importance on this custom of the Epiphany Blessing. During these most hazardous and treacherous times such a blessing on our home is truly needed. The father (or in his absence, the mother) of the family, with proper ceremony and dignity, accompanied by all the members of the family, should go throughout the house and bless every door, inscribing on each one: **20 + G + M + B + 07**. The main entrance door is first, followed by all the others. For the sake of convenience, the Epiphany Blessing is repeated below.
6. **EARLY NOTICE:** Anyone wishing to have candles blessed on Candlemas Day (Friday, February 2, 2007), should bring them in nicely decorated containers, WITH PROPER IDENTIFICATION, and place them in the vestibule of the Abbey Church **no later than Sunday, January 28, 2007.**
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)

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| SUNDAY: | For the People of our Chapels |
| MONDAY: | Special intention Ethan Muehlbauer |
| TUESDAY: | For the Poor Souls in Purgatory |
| WEDNESDAY: | Deceased Anna Rita Huelskamp |
| THURSDAY: | Special intention Dianne Calandra |
| FRIDAY: | Special intention Geri Venuto |
| SATURDAY: | Deceased Rama Coomaraswamy |

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(20 + Gaspar + Melchior + Balthazar + 07)

+++ THE CEREMONY FOR THE EPIPHANY BLESSING OF THE HOME +++

(On Epiphany Day - or any day within the Octave of the Feast of the Epiphany - at home, the following ceremony is performed by a priest or the father or senior member of the family. The following prayer is said once and at the main entrance of the house. All the family members should be present, and should accompany the priest or the head of the family as he or she goes from door to door - everyone keeping a respectful silence, or better yet, reciting the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary.)

- ℣* Peace to my house. *℟* And to all who live here.
- ℣* The father of the just will exult with glee; let your father and mother have joy. *℟* All nations shall serve Him.
- ℣* Happy they who dwell in Your House, O Lord! Continually they praise You. *℟* All nations shall serve Him.
- ℣* Blessed is the man who hears me and who watches daily at my gates and at the post of my doors. *℟* All nations...
- ℣* O Lord, hear my prayer. *℟* And let my cry come unto You.

Father: LET US PRAY:

Hear us, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Eternal God, and send Thy Holy Angel from Heaven to watch over, cherish, protect, be with, and defend all who live in my house. I call upon Your Saints, Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, to protect my family and my home from every harm and danger, and I place the marks of their holy names over the doors of my home to remain there as a constant reminder to us and to all who enter here that my house is truly a house of the Lord.

O God, make the door of my house wide enough to receive all who need human love and companionship; narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the tempter's power. O God, make the door of my house the gateway to Thy eternal Kingdom. I ask these things in the Name of Jesus Christ Thy Son. *Amen.*