

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. Today is also the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes (Roman calendar).
4. Wednesday, February 14, 2007, is the Feast of Saint Valentine. Valentines Day is a lovely occasion, and it is not incorrect to make a feast of it, even though it takes place during Septuagesima time. A prudent party, proper for the day, would be good for adults and children alike – “THAT IN ALL THINGS GOD MAY BE GLORIFIED.” Happy Valentines Day!
5. **The 2006 year-end statements have been mailed out. If you have not received one and wish to receive one, or if you find any errors or have any questions, please contact Father Sebastian, OSB.**
6. **N.B.: Due to IRS changes no cash donation to Christ the King Abbey can be deducted from one's Income Tax unless we receive it in an envelope with the donor's name on it. An annual statement will be sent.**
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 Angelica Bartlett
TUESDAY:	Special intention William Smyth
WEDNESDAY:	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
THURSDAY:	For Augustine Signego
FRIDAY:	Deceased Andrew Legine, Sr.
SATURDAY:	Special intention Margaret Rosenberg



Let us begin now to place ourselves in a Lenten frame of mind – a Lenten attitude of mind. A proper Lenten attitude should place focus not so much on **doing** as on **being**, with the end result of having become accustomed to **being** that which has spiritual importance. It is hopeful that whatever we learn during the Season of Lent will linger on after the Season is over. During Lent we should strive after **being** mortified; **being** penitential; **being** recollected. Individual acts of mortification or penance or reparation or anything else are not good enough. Any planned or predetermined act of mortification or penance or whatever has much less value than a mortified or penitential attitude of mind giving a subconscious response to whatever unexpected problem happens across the path of our daily life.

Individual acts of mortification, additional prayers, increased acts of penance, and all such like, are oftentimes tarnished with pride, especially as we look about us and notice that those around us are not so diligent as we are. The temptation that follows places us a cut above those around us who are not as diligent in the keeping of Lent as we are, and thus the labor we have performed gains no merit for us, rather, the pride involved injures the quality of our offering.

Whatever we do, if it is to be offered as a sacrifice pleasing to God, it must be personal, private, spiritual, humble, honest, and serious. After that, we must strive to understand our neighbor's interior workings and then not place judgment upon him.



Serious Men ...

With Serious Intention ...

Giving Serious Worship ...

To a Serious God!

