

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, July 11, 2007 is the Solemnity of our holy Father Saint Benedict. There will be 5:00 PM Vespers and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament this Wednesday.
4. Thursday, July 12, 2007, is the Feast of Saint Veronica (Roman calendar), and is the Name day of our Sister Mary Veronica, OSB. Please remember Sister Veronica in you very special prayers.
5. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels. **LET US ALSO PRAY FOR EVERYONE.**
6. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For the people of our Chapels
MONDAY:	Special intention John Ward
TUESDAY:	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
WEDNESDAY:	For our Monks, Nuns, and Oblates
THURSDAY:	Special intention Sister Mary Veronica, OSB (<i>Name day</i>)
FRIDAY:	Special intention Sister Mary Claretia
SATURDAY:	Welfare Jerry and Linda Gladu

To those of us, whoever and wherever we may be, who, thanks be to God, profess love for our Beloved Lord and Savior, these words are today directed. Can anyone argue that we do not live in a world where the reality of a Divine God is of no significance? Therefore, though few in number true believers may be, we must be strong enough in our belief to counterbalance the unbelief of the world at large.

We must take the time, at any rate, to contemplate our Most Blessed Savior, Who was condemned to death. We must look at Him given over to the insults and the vile profanation of an ugly and unbelieving mob. We must look at Him in the terrible scourging at the pillar. A torture beyond belief, and administered by unthinking and wicked men, whose joy was to torture.

We must look at Him with a crown of thorns jammed into and upon His Most Sacred Head. Thorns weaving in and out of the Flesh of His Sacred Head! We must look at Him in the shameful and horrid humiliations heaped upon Him. How humiliating must have been the wearing of a dirty purple rag draped around the Divine Body of God Almighty! How disgusting must have been the derisive hailing of Him as a mock king. How contemptible and miserable it was for Him to be treated as a complete fool!

Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Most Blessed Trinity – God Almighty – Who always has held and always will hold the entire universe in the palm of His Hand – looked upon by the riffraff to be contemptible and less than His creatures! We ask, why did He allow this? Why did He not stop the rabble-rousing mob? In silence and patience He, God, was pushed around and jerked around as though He were an idiot! Far from fleeing and preventing such humiliation and suffering, He willingly endured it. He endured the terribleness of it all to expiate the sins of pride, which we all are guilty of, even those of us who believe in Him, who love Him, and who profess Him.

He allowed his Sacred Shoulders to be covered by that ugly cloak of mockery and to be treated as a dumb fool. **WHY? WHY? WHY?** Our beautiful Jesus, our Holy God – a dumb fool? Why? He did so in order that, by His example, souls would not scorn to follow Him, that souls would understand, that souls would be saved! Sadness of all sadnesses, however, do not a vast majority of His beloved children actually look upon Him and everything He stands for as the personification of insanity and stupidity? God Almighty, the Creator God, looked down upon by mere creatures! Should not our generation apologize to the generation of Noah? Those poor miserable souls perished under the waters of an angry God! Why is there not a flood today? We look but we see no flood! We look for a fire of chastisement, but we see no fire! Why do we not see? Why do we not see that which is worse than any flood or any fire? Why do we not see the worst of all punishments – **LOSS OF FAITH!** A raging fire fanned by the hottest winds of hell! Should we argue about this? By no means! Should we debate the issue? What for!

What, then, are we to do? We pray! And with acts of humility and submission to our Divine God, we express our most genuine love for Him. Our prayer must be to bring down from Jesus His best graces, not only for ourselves, but also very much for all in need – **ESPECIALLY THOSE OF OUR OWN!**

A Thought To Remember ...

Lord Jesus, let them not take our holy Faith away from us! If they do, for sure there will not be any Faith left for You to find when You return. Lord Jesus, give us the continued strength and perseverance to remain true to our holy Faith! **WE DO BELIEVE!**