

# SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	2	3	4	5	6 First Friday	7 First Saturday
8 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	9 Bible Study 7 p.m.	10	11	12	13 Abortion vigil noon	14 Young Roses Men's Schola
15 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	16	17	18 Ember Wednesday	19	20 Ember Friday	21 St. Matthew Altar guild Men's Schola
22 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	23 Bible Study 7 p.m.	24	25	26	27 Adoration begins 7 p.m.	28 Adoration until 7:45 a.m.
29 Dedication of St. Michael the Archangel	30	1	2	3	4 First Friday	5 First Saturday

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**The Repose of the Soul of:**

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## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter ~ Tridentine Mass



SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER  
PENTECOST



**Sunday Schedule:**  
Low Mass: 7 a.m.  
9 a.m.  
Sung Mass: 11 a.m.

**Confessions:**  
One-half hour before Mass  
Saturdays 4 p.m.

**Daily Mass Schedule:**  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 8 a.m.  
Thursday: 6 p.m.  
Friday, Saturday: 8 a.m.

**Holy Hour:**  
Thursday: 7 p.m.

*"O Mary, through thine Immaculate Conception make my body pure and my soul holy."*

PASTOR:  
**FR. JAMES GORDON, F.S.S.P.**

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# What kind of Man THE ABBOT OUGHT TO BE

From: *Commentary for Benedictine Oblates  
on the Rule of St. Benedict*, by Canon G. A. Simon

**St. Benedict:** Let the Abbot always bear in mind that at the dread Judgment of God there will be an examination of these two matters: his teaching and the obedience of his disciples. And let the Abbot be sure that any lack of profit the master of the house may find in the sheep will be laid to the blame of the shepherd. On the other hand, if the shepherd has bestowed all his pastoral diligence on a restless, unruly flock and tried every remedy for their unhealthy behavior, then, he will be acquitted at the Lord's Judgment and may say to the Lord with the Prophet: "I have not concealed Your justice within my heart; Your truth and Your salvation I have declared" (*Psalms 39:11*). "But they have despised and rejected me" (*Isaiah 1:2; Ezekiel 20:27*). And then finally let death itself, irresistible, punish those disobedient sheep under his charge.

**Commentary:** The Abbot, therefore, is the representative of Christ. As such, he must account to Christ for the sheep with which He has entrusted him. This is a leading thought for St. Benedict, that an account must one day be rendered at the dread tribunal of God. He wants this thought to be habitual with the Abbot: *memor sit semper* — let him remember always. The Abbot, therefore, will frequently, in thought, stand before the tribunal of Jesus Christ.

The account to be rendered will bear upon two objects: The teaching given by the Abbot and the obedience of the disciples.

Of the teaching our holy Father [Benedict] has already spoken. It is

to be that of Jesus Christ, presented to the "sheep" in conformity with their needs. If the teaching is good, the sheep have every chance of being good; if it is bad, they are almost sure to perish. The Abbot ought to meditate his doctrine in the light of Christ, therefore, in order to be assured that it answers both to the divine will and to the necessities of souls.

The obedience of the disciples is in a broad sense not only their outward docility, but also and especially their inward docility to the Abbot's instructions.

If the sheep have been lost, even if they have not borne all the profit which the Master of the house had a right to expect of them, the Abbot will be held responsible before Him. "The default of the sheep will weigh upon the shepherd."

There is one case, and only one, in which he will be able to clear himself; that is when the flock, "restless and disobedient," will have shown itself stubbornly resistant to the counsels and rebukes of its shepherd. It is when the latter in all sincerity will be able to say to God with the Prophet, "Your justice I have not hidden in my heart; Your truth and Your salvation I have announced; but they paid no attention to them, and they scorned me." Woe to the rebellious sheep then, for eternal death will be their punishment!

This is a celebrated page of St. Benedict. It founds authority on its only solid basis: the responsibility of the head before the Sovereign Master. Historically, this conception of the responsibilities of authority ennobled and strengthened

## Upcoming Parish Events

### September 23 ~ Bible Study

Fr. Dennis Gordon continues an in-depth study of the book of Matthew, 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This week's study will cover chapters 22-23.

### September 27-28 ~ All-Night Adoration

Sign up to in the vestibule to watch an hour with our Lord; times available from 7 p.m. on Friday to 7 a.m. Saturday.

the royal power in the societies of another day. The idea of having to render an account to the Sovereign Judge appeared still very profound in the *Memoires* of Louis XIV. Our contemporary societies, unhinged and going off on a tangent, surely will not find their equilibrium again until, having been re-Christianized, they return to the great principle affirmed by St. Benedict. We have often heard of the social import of the Holy Rule. Here we have an example of it.

But for us Oblates, it is less a question of the government of societies than of our own governing. What holds for the abbatial authority holds also for every parcel of authority which may have been given us, whether by Providence or by the will of our Superiors. The father of a family will have to account to God for the souls of his children. From him to whom the Church has entrusted the care of her faithful, an account will be required even of the least among them, for all souls are precious in the eyes of Him who dies for them. Let us be attentive, therefore, to the voice of our holy Father [Benedict].

The eyes of the Lord, he tells us over and over, are fixed on you at every instant with that same penetrating look which unsettled the Apostle Peter after his sin and made him burst into tears. May it please heaven that we also may not

cease to look towards Christ, to seek the light of the true doctrine in Him and not in our caprices, in our human preferences, in our too personal notions. Holding His place, we ought to be nothing other than the echo of Him. If it is ourselves that we preach, we are lost and we lose others. It is not our dominating personality but the Christ acting in us which will bring forth docility and obedience in those entrusted to us.

Let us meditate this truth often, *memor sit semper*, if we do not want to be condemned when the day of reckoning comes. We are forgetful, the Lord remembers; and it is soul by soul that we must justify ourselves.

But, observes Dom L'Huilier, if this chapter has for its title "What Kind of Man the Abbot Ought to Be," it could also be entitled, "What kind of Persons the disciples Ought to Be." As Christians we are the disciples of the Church; as Oblates we are the disciples of St. Benedict, represented by our Abbot and by those whom he has appointed to guide us; as the faithful we are the disciples of our pastors. The doctrine of salvation reaches us by way of all these authorities. And we shall owe an account also, at the divine tribunal, of the manner in which we have been docile and in which we have obeyed. Too bad for us if our restless and indocile spirit,

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

### Monday, September 23 ~ St. Linus

8 a.m. — Imelda Strobel, by Greg Strobel

### Tuesday, September 24 ~ Feria

8 a.m. — Ecoff Family

### Wednesday, September 25 ~ Feria

8 a.m. — + Paul Te Grotenhuis, by John Te Grotenhuis

### Thursday, September 26 ~ Sts. Isaac Jogues, Jean Brebeuf & Companions

6 p.m. — Private Intention

### Friday, September 27 ~ Sts. Cosmas and Damian

8 a.m. — + Richard Urick, by Debbie Raab

### Saturday, September 28 ~ St. Wenceslaus

8 a.m. — + Beatrice L. Gordon

### Sunday, September 29 ~ Dedication of St. Michael the Archangel

7 a.m. — Private Intention

9 a.m. — + Fr. Terrence Gordon, F.S.S.P.

11 a.m. — *Pro Populo*

*The priests cannot accept any Mass intentions at this time.*

our "unwholesome behavior" render useless or less efficacious the efforts of those who have charge of our souls! Who knows whether the Divine Master will not end by abandoning us to our misery and treating us as "rebellious sheep" who, little by little, from infidelity to infidelity, arrive at eternal death?

**St. Benedict:** Therefore, when anyone receives the name of Abbot, he ought to govern his disciples with a twofold teaching. That is to say, he should show them all that is good and holy by his deeds even more than by his words, expounding the Lord's commandments in words to the intelligent among his disciples, but demon-

strating the divine precepts by his action for those of harder hearts and ruder minds. And whatever he has taught his disciples to be contrary to God's law, let him indicate by his example that it is not to be done, lest while preaching to others he himself be found reprobate (*1 Corinthians 9:27*), and lest God one day say to him in his sin, "Why do you declare My statutes and profess My covenant with your lips, whereas you hate discipline and have cast My words behind you?" (*Psalms 49:16-17*). And again, "you were looking at the speck in your brother's eye, and did not see the beam in your own" (*Matthew 7:3*). + + +