

## 7. MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

- SUNDAY: 6:00 A.M. For Prayer promises and Benefactors  
9:30 A.M. For the People of the Chapels  
12:30 P.M. For the Welfare of Christ the King Priory  
MONDAY: Dec. Florine Brisbois  
(1) TUESDAY: 6:00 A.M. For the People of the Chapels  
7:00 P.M. Families of the Monks of Christ the King Priory  
(2) WEDNESDAY: 6:00 A.M. Special Intention of the Donor  
6:30 A.M. Poor Souls in Purgatory  
7:00 P.M. For the Int. of the Holy Father the Pope  
THURSDAY: Dec. Mr. & Mrs. Albert Dierbergen  
FRIDAY: Dec. Frank Sansone  
SATURDAY: Special Int. of Paul Roy Family

### INSTRUCTION:

We cannot know, love, or possess God fully on earth, so we cannot find perfect contentment here below. As St. Augustine said: "Our heart, O Lord, is restless until it rests in Thee." It is only in heaven, in possession of the Beatific Vision (God Himself) that we will know full and unending joy.

This brings up two questions. First, does this mean that we must wait for happiness until we possess God in heaven? If in this question perfect happiness is meant, we shall surely have to wait. But God wants us to be happy here on earth as well as in eternity. Since God alone can satisfy the longing of the human heart, it follows that the really happy persons on earth are those who seek Him—the source and goal of true joy. The happiest persons are those who forget self entirely and devote all the powers of body, mind, and soul to the promotion of God's honor and glory. We shall experience true contentment, therefore, in the degree that we love our God with a sincere, unselfish love and to the extent that we devote our lives to His service. This secret of happiness is summed up in the Great Commandment — love of God and love of neighbor FOR HIS SAKE.

The second question is: Does this mean that honors, wealth, and pleasures are to be despised? In answer, let us emphasize the fact that all things on earth are good, since God made them. But He has made them for a purpose. He did not make them for themselves alone, nor for us to fall in love with to such an extent that we forget Him. He made them to serve as stepping-stones to Himself.

This does not mean that we are not to use and enjoy earthly things. For example, God made the trees and lakes and mountains. It is surely not wrong to enjoy their beauty, or to go swimming in the lakes, or to go skiing on the mountains. But we must not allow such things to become a bar to our loving the God Who made them.

The same is true of possessing money or earthly goods. It is also true of seeking power or knowledge. It is no sin to be rich, provided we do not get so interested in our riches that we forget the God Who gave the riches to us, or that we forget our fellowman and consider ourselves better than the rest of men. It is not wrong to be famous, to attain high position, or to be a scholar, provided we do not let our pride run away with us.

On the contrary all these things can be used to help us as well as others to be better men and women. The rich man can use his wealth to help his fellowmen; the statesman or labor leader can use his power and influence to promote the welfare of all; the scientist, the physician, or the inventor can use his talents for God and for man.

This is the way it is done in THE CITY OF GOD!!!