

1. **CATECHISM CLASS:** Due to the Blessing of Throats, there will be **NO** Catechism class this morning.
2. There will be **NO** 5:00 PM Sunday Vespers this afternoon. (*Regular Vespers without Benediction at 5:15 PM.*)
3. Today is the Feast of Saint Blaise, with the Blessing of Throats being given after all Masses this morning in Cullman and in Montgomery. *The Blessing of Throats will be given at Saint Pius V Chapel in Birmingham next Sunday, February 10, 2008.*
4. **N.B.: Due to the Blessing of Throats, there will be NO Oblate meeting after Mass this morning.**
5. Tuesday, February 5, 2008, is **MARDI GRAS** – “Fat Tuesday.” Let us recognize the correct religious and meaningful purpose of this day. Mardi Gras has its roots in good Catholic tradition, and it is a day of good and proper celebration and prudent feasting. It is also the day that marks the beginning of the Holy Season of Lent. Let us not hesitate to enjoy Mardi Gras with a lovely family party, and let us make amends for all the brutality that brutalist people have brought into Mardi Gras. Let us pray for all those who place dedicated emphasis on such brutality.
6. Wednesday, February 6, 2008, is **ASH WEDNESDAY**. It is **NOT** A Holyday of Obligation, but it is a day of **solemn fast and abstinence**, which must be observed by all who are obliged to observe the fast and abstinence regulations. **ASH WEDNESDAY IS A NO-NONSENSE DAY**. It is a time to reflect and to do penance.
7. **MASSES IN THE ABBEY CHURCH ON ASH WEDNESDAY WILL BE AT 6:00 AM, 8:00 AM, AND 7:00 PM, WITH DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES AFTER EACH MASS.**
8. *Ashes will be distributed at all Masses next Sunday (February 10, 2008). The usual little packets of Blessed Ashes will be available at these Masses, and are to be taken home and used as sacramentals.*
9. Thursday, February 7, 2008, is the first Thursday of February, with Holy Hour and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM and from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM.
10. **This Friday, February 8, 2008, the usual Friday evening Stations of the Cross during Lent begins, starting each Friday evening at 7:00 PM, followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.**
11. *The Lenten regulations and suggested Lenten readings are attached to today's Bulletin.*
12. 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.
13. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY:	Special intention of Kay Nokusille
TUESDAY:	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
WEDNESDAY:	For our Monks and Nuns and Oblates (<i>Ash Wednesday</i>)
THURSDAY:	Deceased Wilma Krystofik
FRIDAY:	Special intention Geri Venuto
SATURDAY:	Welfare of the Sisters of the Passion and Cross



A Thought To Remember

“Let us change our garments for ashes and sackcloth: let us fast and lament before the Lord: for plenteous in mercy is our God to forgive our sins.” (*Joel 2:13*)