

If there have been periods of our lives that were not dedicated to the life demanded by our loving Savior, let us nevertheless be of good heart. A CONVERSIO; a profound turning, determined and fixed, upon our total wretchedness and sinfulness; a sincere and all-embracing compunction, a true compunction, a simple and honest “Oh Lord, be merciful to me a sinner,” will gain for us the sweetest words of our loving Christ. Let us cover ourselves with the shield of faith when danger threatens. Let us be glad, as children of the true **holy** Catholic Faith – the Faith patterned out by the work and life and suffering and death of Jesus Christ – that we are preserved from ignorance and untruth and erroneous teaching and disbelief which are all taking Jesus Christ out of the hearts and minds and lives of the vast multitude of mankind.

Let us not be afraid to profess our faith boldly to whomsoever questions us, whether it be family or relatives or friends or anyone at all. Be warned that whoever professes faithfulness to Christ will suffer, will be called insane, will be cast out into the darkness of loneliness and near despair, and will often cry out, “Father, why hast Thou forsaken me?” By our reverence and decorum in His presence, by the fervor of our Holy Communion, by the careful observance of His Commandments and our good and holy example at all times and in all places, let us profess our unflagging faith in Him.

As we live a life of penance, mortification, and suffering, which show us to be true followers of Christ, even though the cost of it all is indeed great, let us look forward to that day when He in His turn will confess us before the whole world and to His Heavenly Father. Let us look forward to His second coming when He will gather up those of us who have the seal of His true Faith imprinted upon our souls. Let us, without fear or trepidation, cry out, “Here am I, Lord!”

1. **EARLY NOTICE: DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF MARCH (MARCH 9, 2008) — REMEMBER TO SET ALL CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR.**
2. **CATECHISM CLASS:** Children 6 to 14 please meet Father Joseph in the vestibule right after the 10:00 Mass.
3. There WILL be 5:00 PM Sunday Vespers with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament this afternoon.
4. Tomorrow is the feast of Saint Matthias the Apostle.
5. Saturday, March 1, 2008, is the First Saturday of March, with Masses at 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM.
6. Next Sunday, March 2, 2008, is the first Sunday of March. Therefore **there will be NO Mass at Saint Pius V Chapel in Birmingham next Sunday.**
7. **Sunday, March 16, 2008 is Palm Sunday.** Weather permitting, we will have the usual Blessing of Palms and the Palm Sunday Procession before the 10:00 Mass at the Abbey Church. *Confessions will be interrupted at 9:45 AM Palm Sunday so that everyone can gather outside in front of the Monastery for the Palm Blessing Ceremony. Confessions will be continued after everyone has processed back into the church.*
8. ***There will be NO Mass at Saint Pius V Chapel in Birmingham on Sunday, March 16, 2008 (Palm Sunday).**
9. Again, most unfortunately, we simply are not able to observe the Holy Week ceremonies this year. Please pray to our Eternal Father in Heaven that someday, according to His Will, we may be able to do so for His glory.
10. **N.B.:** Because there will be no solemn ceremonies in the Abbey Church during Holy Week, Masses are **not** permitted on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or Holy Saturday. Therefore, there will be **no** Masses on those days.
11. • **HOLY THURSDAY (March 20, 2008):** There will be all-night Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Abbey Church beginning at 8:00 PM on Holy Thursday and ending at 8:00 AM on Good Friday.
12. • **GOOD FRIDAY (March 21, 2008):** The usual Good Friday services in the Abbey Church will begin at 12:00 Noon and end with the Stations of the Cross at 3:00 PM. **There will be NO Stations of the Cross in the evening on Good Friday.**
13. • **EASTER SUNDAY (March 23, 2008) MASS SCHEDULE:**
 - ABBEY CHURCH, CULLMAN: **6:00** AM and **10:00** AM. (N.B.: *Confessions will end at 9:30 AM.*)
 - ST. PIUS V CHAPEL, BIRMINGHAM: **9:00** AM.
 - OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHAPEL, MONTGOMERY: **10:45** AM.
14. **Stations of the Cross each Friday evening in the Abbey Church during Lent starting at 7:00 PM.**
15. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels. LET US ALSO PRAY FOR EVERYONE.
16. **MASS FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard’s schedule only)**

SUNDAY:	For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY:	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
TUESDAY:	Special intention Gloria Harris
WEDNESDAY:	Special intention Camilla Meiser
THURSDAY:	For Joseph Giardina, Jr.
FRIDAY:	For Megan Keaveney
SATURDAY:	Special intention Paul Roy Family

A Thought To Remember

Today the standards of truth in life are determined by the master spirits of our age. The noisy notability of the one who is speaking controls the uninformed gullibility of the one who is listening.