

1. **CATECHISM CLASS:** There will be **NO** Catechism class this morning.
2. There will be 5:00 PM Sunday Vespers with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament this afternoon.
3. **Today is Palm Sunday.** Weather permitting, we will have the usual Blessing of Palms and Procession before the 10:00 Mass at the Abbey Church. *Confessions will be interrupted at 9:45 AM this morning 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.*
4. **Ministers for today are:**
 - **Celebrant** – Father Michael, OSB
 - **Master of Ceremonies** – Father Sebastian, OSB
 - **Chanters** – Father Joseph, OSB and Frater Matthew, OSB
 - **Organist** – Father Bernard, OSB
 - **Cross Bearer** – Ronald Roberts
 - **Censor Bearer** – Father Bernard, OSB
 - **Acolytes** – Isaac Olson and Stefen Roberts
 - **Readers of the Passion: Christ** – Father Sebastian; **People** – Father Michael; **Chronicler** – Father Joseph
5. **N.B.:** Because the Feast of the Annunciation, the Feast of Saint Joseph, and the Feast of Saint Benedict all fall during Holy Week this year, they are transferred (in the above order) to the first week of April.
6. 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.
7. **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.**
8. • **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.
9. • **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.***
10. • **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.**
11. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels. LET US ALSO PRAY FOR EVERYONE.
12. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY:	Special intention of Bonnie Kanzenbach
TUESDAY:	Special intention of Mary Lynn Strasser
WEDNESDAY:	For sinners – wherever they may be
THURSDAY:	— Holy Thursday —
FRIDAY:	— Good Friday —
SATURDAY:	— Holy Saturday —

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How could Judas have come to that point in his life of betraying his Master? Because of that one evil passion which he made no effort to conquer! SELF WILL. His fall from grace was not sudden. At the time when he first answered the call to his vocation of Apostleship he would have been horrified at the very thought of such a crime. What? Betray my Master? Never! But, not overcoming himself in little things, his heart hardened gradually and imperceptibly, and at last, when temptation and opportunity presented themselves, he gave in, betraying his Master, for Whom he had left all things to follow – he sold Him for thirty pieces of silver. How sad for him. Poor depraved man, his soul, and all that he had hoped for – all lost! He had become the victim of his own deceptions. From the shadows of his miserableness, he beheld the result of his evil motivations. Too late! He knew not compunction, so all that was left to him now was to grab up a halter and hang himself!

A Thought To Remember

The inner life of a faithful and honest soul that has arrived at full maturity is a sanctuary where God dwells to complete therein the divine work of His eternal Love.