

Feast of The Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Virgin Mother

1. Tomorrow December 8, 2008 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and is a **Holyday of Obligation**. We must attend Mass tomorrow. Masses in the Abbey Church are 6:00AM, 8:00AM and 7:00PM.
2. Friday December 12, 2008 is the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe, this is very special day for us in the Americas. Let us not fail in our petition to our Blessed Mother of this beautiful title
3. Saturday December 13, 2008 is the Feast of Saint Lucy, Virgin Martyr. This is another occasion for special prayer
4. **CATECHISM CLASS:** Children 6 to 14 please meet Father Joseph in the vestibule right after the 10:00 Mass. work for preparation for Confirmation.
5. **Please Note Confirmation date is Sunday January 25, 2009.**
6. The 2009 Calendars are available at the usual price of \$8.00 each. At Christ the King Abbey in Cullman, see Father Bernard OSB. At Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel in Montgomery, see Mrs. Pam Olson. At Saint Pius V Chapel in Birmingham, see Mrs. Laurie Niebuhr.
7. Victoria Meilleur will carry the Baby Jesus and place Him in His little crib – at midnight of Christmas.
8. Please do not forget to pray, every day, for our sick and for all who have asked for our prayer. This is a matter of serious proportion on the part of every serious minded individual.
9. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)
SUNDAY: For the People of the Chapels
MONDAY: *** For the Monks and Nuns and Oblates ***
TUESDAY: Special Int. Lucille Lylo
WEDNESDAY: Special Int. Gloria Harris
THURSDAY: Welfare Wilma Kristofer
FRIDAY: Poor Souls
SATURDAY: Special Int. Mary Balon

Blessing of Bread

Do not forget the
Blessing of Bread Ceremony
scheduled for after the 10:00 Mass in the
Abbey Church on the Fourth Sunday of Advent
and after the 9:30 Mass at St. Pius V Chapel

Special Note

The bread for this occasion should be baked by the mother of each family wrapped nicely, and then brought to the Church to be blessed by the priest. Later at home, when all is ready, the ceremony is concluded by the father or head of the family and household. If the family is too small, it might be wonderful if friends and relatives and other families be invited to the house to take part in the ceremony and the festive meal. The father of the host family will gather all around the table and proceed with the ceremony – giving, each a particle of Blessed Bread. Thereafter all should enjoy a beautiful meal with the joy and peace the ceremony demands.

A Thought To Remember ...

"For one can probably – or rather, certainly – do more to convert the world by keeping very close to God, and growing in union with Him, than by any outside work; though it seems difficult to believe sometimes. It is really best to preach a continual mission to oneself than an occasional one to others! And it is not selfishness for our own soul; for if God wants souls, He first wants mine from me, and until I have given it to Him entirely without any reserve, I have plenty to do for Him, without saving others' souls." (Abbot John Chapman, OSB)