

ADVENT WREATH BLESSING
Third Sunday in Advent – Gaudete Sunday

All: The Lamb descends from heaven above,
 To pardon sin with freest love;
 For such indulgent mercy shewn,
 With tearful joy our thanks we own.

Priest: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your modesty be known to all men; for the Lord is nigh. Be nothing solicitous; but in everything by prayer let your requests be made known to God.

Priest: *V.* Thou O Lord, that sittest upon the Cherubim, stir up Thy might, and come.

People: *R.* Give ear, O Thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.

Priest: *V.* Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

People: *R.* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Priest: LET US PRAY: Grant us, we beseech Thee, O lord, that the coming solemnity of our redemption may both bring us help for our present life, and bestow on us the rewards of everlasting blessedness. Through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen. *(Priest lights third – rose colored – candle)*

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 25, 2008

Christmas Masses in the Abbey Church will be at Midnight on Christmas Eve (the Church will be open about 11: 15 PM), and at 10:00 AM on Christmas Day. *There will be NO 6:00 AM Mass in the Abbey Church on Christmas Day.*

Christmas Mass at St. Pius V Chapel in Birmingham will be at 9:00 AM on Christmas Day.

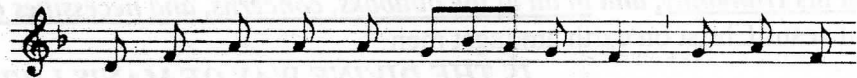
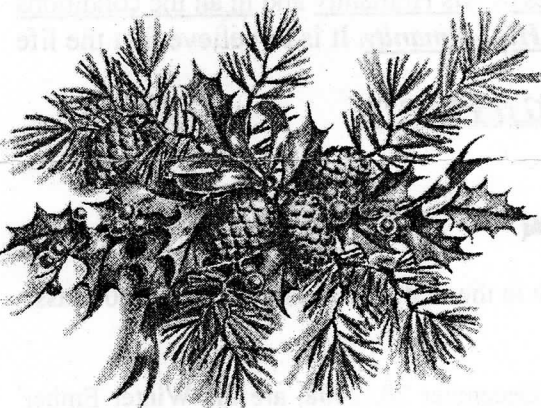
NB: Anyone receiving Holy Communion at the Christmas Midnight Mass may NOT receive Holy Communion again at a later Mass on Christmas Day.

SPECIAL NOTE: There will be NO Confessions before the Midnight Mass or the 10:00 AM Mass on Christmas Day.

Hymn for the Third Sunday of Advent

Sung after the 10:00 AM Mass all please stand

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



5. O come now, Key of David, come, And open
 6. O come now, Day-spring from on high, And cheer us



5. wide our heaven-ly home; Make safe the way that
 6. by your draw-ing nigh; Dis-purse the clouds of



5. sets us free, And close the path to mis-er-y.
 6. lower-ing night, And death's dark shad-ow put to flight.



Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-man-u-el



Shall come to you, O Is-ra-el!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:
(Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

- SUNDAY: For the people of our Chapels
- MONDAY: For Robert Letourneau
- TUESDAY: Special Int. Katherine Pacheco
- WEDNESDAY: For Alexis Dumbacher
- THURSDAY: Dec. Father Mario Blanco
- FRIDAY: For the Poor Souls
- SATURDAY: For George and Laurie Niebuhr

On December 17 the **O ANTIPHONS** begin, please refer to bulletin 1071. These should be said each day.

A Thought To Remember ...

**Any spiritual direction that makes a man quarrelsome
is poor religion.**