

For the FIRST TIME in its history, the Monastery of Christ the King will observe TENEBRAE this year.

TENEBRAE is a solemn recitation of the Holy Divine Office by the Monks, during which the LAMENTATIONS of Jeremiah are sung (chanted) in a very ancient and solemn tone. After each of the Psalms which are recited during the Office a candle is extinguished, until all but ONE are extinguished. The one remaining LIGHT, which is Christ, disappears and DARKNESS (Tenebrae) sets in. The antiphon "CHRISTUS FACTUS EST" (perhaps the most beautiful selection in all of Gregorian Chant) is then sung, after this the earthquake and the Office is Finished. This is one of the most ancient ceremonies of the Roman Church, and one of the most beautiful.

THE SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK:

Wednesday, March 27:
Tenebrae 7:00 P.M.

HOLY THURSDAY; March 28:
Mass 5:00 P.M.
Tenebrae 7:00 P.M.

VERY SPECIAL NOTE: THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT WILL BE RETAINED IN THE ALTAR OF REPOSITION ALL NIGHT HOLY THURSDAY, AND WILL REMAIN THERE UNTIL THE BEGINNING OF THE GOOD FRIDAY CEREMONIES. EVERYONE WHO POSSIBLE CAN IS URGED TO KEEP WATCH SOMETIME DURING THE NIGHT, AND THE NEXT MORNING.

GOOD FRIDAY, March 29:
Solemn Ceremonies and
the Mass of the
PRESANCTIFIED 12:00 M.
Stations of the
Cross at 3:00 P.M.
(Not in Evening)

HOLY SATURDAY, March 30:
Solemn Ceremonies
begin 8:00 A.M.
Lent ENDS 12:00 M.

EASTER SUNDAY:

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THERE WILL BE NO 6:00 A.M. Mass at St. Francis, Cullman

- (1) St. Francis, Cullman 9:30 A.M.
- (2) St. Pius, Birmingham 9:30 A.M.
- (3) Our Lady of Lourdes
Montgomery 12:30 P.M.

6. As always, your special prayers are requested for the welfare of Christ the King, Monastery. Nothing comes easy, and the work that the Monks of the Monastery are trying to do, namely Prayer and the Spirituality of Work, is not pleasing to the enemy, and the work of his painful hand can be seen almost every day. We are now getting ready to start serious work on the formation of plans for our Monastic Church. But - we need your prayers, lots of them.