

1. Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Friday evenings during Lent at 7:00 P.M. - Abbey Church
2. Wednesday, March 12, 1997 is the Feast of St. Gregory the Great. St. Gregory is one of the greatest Saints of the Benedictines and of the Catholic Church.
3. Please read the Weekly Spiritual Messages found in our Bulletins with great care. These are serious instructions for the formation of the Spiritual Life.
4. Confessions are heard before Masses on Sunday.
5. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels. Remember Al Sachs.
6. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot's Schedule Only)**
  - SUNDAY: For the People of the Chapels
  - MONDAY: Welfare of Father Jose Rodriguez
  - TUESDAY: Special Int. Valentine Peterka
  - WEDNESDAY: Special Int. Joan Pang
  - THURSDAY: Special Int. Alice Macchia
  - FRIDAY: Dec. of Clew & Ray Families
  - SATURDAY: Dec. Iris and Oscar Rickson

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: - ABBEY CHURCH**

**PALM SUNDAY:** 10:00 A.M. - No Mass at St. Pius Chapel in Birmingham. 6:00 A.M. Mass as usual

**HOLY WEEK MASSES - Abbey Church** - all at 6:00 A.M. only.

**HOLY WEDNESDAY: TENEBRAE SERVICE** - Solemn Recitation of the Divine Office of Matins and Lauds by the Monks - 7:00 P.M.

**HOLY THURSDAY:** Solemn Holy Thursday Liturgy - Mass, Procession 7:00 P.M. All Night Adoration of Most Blessed Sacrament which continues until the beginning of the Good Friday Services.

**GOOD FRIDAY:** Solemn Good Friday Services begin at 12:00 NOON. Stations of the Cross follow the Services.

→ **THERE WILL BE NO STATIONS OF THE CROSS GOOD FRIDAY EVENING.** ←

**HOLY SATURDAY:** Solemn Services begin with Blessing of New Fire - weather permitting outside. Blessing of New Fire begins at 7:00 P.M.

**EASTER SUNDAY: IMPORTANT TO NOTE:**

St. Francis Chapel - Cullman - - 6:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M.

St. Pius V Chapel - Birmingham - 9:00 A.M.

Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel - 11:30 A.M. (Possibly a bit later)

The man who lives in Christ sanctifies everything he touches or does. Whether writing a letter, washing dishes, writing a book, scrubbing floors, playing a game of baseball, milking a cow, feeding chickens or working a miracle - that man has his will formed according to the principle inside himself which is Christ. Since his will is rooted and founded in Christ, his whole being is Christ-like and all his acts are informed by Christ. This does not mean, however, that his exterior demeanor causes him to stand out in any way in the eyes of his beholders. The discipline of the human will is designed so to expand and extend the Christ-life that SELF is ousted and everything is seen in terms of the will of God: - even baseball and scrubbing floors.

If a man's will is right he is right everywhere and with everyone. If a man's will is wrong he is wrong everywhere, with everyone and with everything he does! Nothing can alter the direction of the man who has God and God only in his desire. In the same way, nothing can alter the direction of the man who does not have God in his desire, and even though such a man is visited with the success of the streets of the world, and even though such a man is greeted with the smiling faces of the people of the world, nothing changes the fact that God is not in his desire.

A man whose will has as its object only the will of God may do other things besides explicitly willing what God wills. He may think of other things besides uniting his will with God's will, but ALL THE TIME his intention is never for an instant to branch off from God will in order to follow his own. Whatever such a man does, thinks, suffers, enjoys, is assumed to be in virtue of the divine will. To the Divine will, therefore, the will of this man, purified now of all selfishness, is united in perfect love and trust.

