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HOLY WEEK BEGINS TODAY!!!! For the people who have been given the Grace and gift of Faith, the events of this week are FACT - not imagery - and the events are of the highest possible importance and significance. For the people who have not been given the Grace of Faith, or who have lost their Faith, the important items of this week are Easter eggs and bunny rabbits. For other people - - they simply have no bother with the occasion. The Resurrection of Christ cannot be measured in its significance and importance as far as all descendants of Adam and Eve are concerned. For those who believe it is the greatest of all blessings: redemption! For those who do not believe, it is a matter of no consequence. The judgement of every descendant of Adam remains in the hands of God! and God alone! Because of the profound importance of the events of this Week, we must enter into the atmosphere of the situation, and we must work to be ready for the awesome tragedy of Good Friday. FAITH, in the greatest amount, will be needed as nourishment, when we begin to climb the VERY STEEP slopes of Calvary! For the SPIRITUALITY (THE SPIRITUAL LIFE) we so much speak of, Good Friday is the foundation stone. Without Good Friday - - without the Cross - - every act of spirituality is empty externalism and pure nonsense! The approach to Calvary - the approach of Jesus Christ, in every event means CRUCIFIXION! The biggest problem of all is in the answer to the question: DO WE REALLY UNDERSTAND CRUCIFIXION?::: Christ is Crucified - - we are crucified; Christ suffers - we suffer; Christ bleeds - we bleed - - and eventually, Christ conquers - WE CONQUER!!!

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Abbot Leonard's Schedule Only)

PALM SUNDAY	For the People of the Chapels
MONDAY	For the Poor Souls
TUESDAY:	For the Poor Souls
WEDNESDAY:	For the Poor Souls
HOLY THURSDAY:	- - - - -
GOOD FRIDAY:	- - - - -
HOLY SATURDAY:	- - - - -

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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)

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