

EASTER WISHES

THE GOOD WISHES, PRAYERS AND GOOD WORKS OF THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY OF MONKS OF CHRIST THE KING MONASTERY ASK GOD THAT YOUR LOVE FOR GOD MAY REBOUND FIRST UPON YOU IN GRACES OF PERSONAL SANCTIFICATION, THEN THAT IT MAY REBOUND ON YOUR DEAR FAMILIES, YOUR CHILDREN, YOUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN, YOUR SICK AND YOUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES.

IN YOUR CHARITY PLEASE PRAY
THAT GOD'S BLESSING BE UPON
THE MONKS OF THIS MONASTERY.

1. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Abbot Leonard's Schedule Only)
SUNDAY: Welfare of Christ the King Abbey and Convent
MONDAY: Thksg. Christ the King Abbey and St. Joseph Convent.
TUESDAY: For the People of the Chapels
WEDNESDAY: Dec. Robert Brisbois
THURSDAY: Dec. Fred and Mary Roth
FRIDAY: Dec. Rita Muhlenkamp
SATURDAY: Special Int. Paul Roy Family
2. Next Saturday is the First Saturday of April. Mass in the Abbey Church 8:00 A.M.
3. Next Sunday is the First Sunday of April. There will be no 9:30 A.M. Mass at St. Pius Chapel in Birmingham.
4. Day Light Saving Time begins next Sunday. TURN CLOCKS FORWARD.
5. Pray for the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels.

The danger among many people today who strive to return to the Catholicism handed down to us by our ancestors is that in most cases true Catholic experience is either outside the limits of recall or it is totally unknown. These people have been separated from orthodox observance for such an extended period of time that it is faded to the point of unintelligibility. To the young it is not known and completely foreign. In such cases, when these people become aware of their departure from true Catholicism, when they hear of it - willynilly - they fasten on to random doctrine, or on to some out-moded and manufactured religious observance or ritual - - (something they have read someplace - or - something that someone has said) - - and then they wrench it from its context, and apply it as if it were a poultice. Such - priests and people alike - very often look at the EXTERNALS of our holy traditional and ancestral religion to the detriment of a deep, sincere and saintly SPIRITUALITY. Errors of this kind can be caused by a wrong understanding of the function of symbolism: the emblem can come to mean more than the truth which it represents. In truth, symbols are most important, but they are not meant to take the place of the mysteries they bring to life and light. Is it any wonder, then, that one can fail to grow spiritually while employing and enjoining all of the good and proper (and traditional and ancestral, but quite often manufactured) representations of true Catholicism.

And so it can be with the Sacred Resurrection of our Lord. If the Resurrection fails to produce among Christians the sanctity which might be expected, it is not the fault of the Resurrection of our Blessed Lord! It is the fault of the Christian who gets no further than the heavy stone of the Holy Sepulchre. He seems to see only the scenes of the symbols of the Resurrection. He gives nothing in return to the greatness of the Resurrection of our Most Holy Redeemer but a superficial devotion to its symbols and empty externalisms. The Resurrection is a grace to the soul, and if the soul is to benefit from It, the soul must give a response at the same level: IT MEANS GIVING! Christ is the central figure, giving out and drawing in. And it must be Christ with us as He was always with our ancestors - the only inspiration which motivated them to do the things they did. Besides, the Resurrection is not Christ's victory alone - - - IT IS OURS AS WELL!!!

*Lo, I am risen, and am with thee still,
alleluia: Thou hast laid Thine hand upon
me, alleluia: Thy knowledge is become won-
derful, alleluia, alleluia.*