

Our thoughts are the image of our soul. The more exalted its thoughts, the greater and nobler the soul. So long as we give ourselves solely to what is earthly: visible and created things - - P E O P L E and T H I N G S - - our soul will never reach beyond such - transitory and passing things. If, on the other hand, we think of God, our soul comes to share in the greatness of the Godhead. Only angels and men can think of God, and to think rightly of Him is the highest thought possible to a created being. Thought cannot rise higher than the Highest. Worldly men will laugh at and ridicule this presentation because worldly men are concerned only with matters of consequence. Over and over men of the world tell themselves: "We are busy with matters of consequence!" and the thought makes them swell up with pride. Since their thoughts cannot go higher than the things they can see and count, they scorn those whose thoughts can go beyond their own calculations.

Thought cannot rise higher than the Highest. Now it is in prayer that man raises his thoughts to God and has communion with Him. Man is united with nothing so intimately as with the reflection of his own soul - his thoughts. And in this case that reflection is God Himself, the highest, the most beautiful, the most exalted, in heaven and upon earth. Except in Holy Communion, we can, here below, in no way become so intimately united with God as by prayer.

EARLY INFORMATION CONCERNING EASTER:

PALM SUNDAY: There will be NO MASS at St. Pius Chapel in Birmingham.
 There will be NO MASS at Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel in Montgomery.
 The Masses will be in the Abbey Church ONLY on that day.
 6:00 A.M. Mass as usual
 10:00 A.M. Blessing of Palms and Procession
 Followed by Mass

EASTER SUNDAY: St. Francis Chapel (Abbey Church)
 - - - -6:00 A.M.
 10:00 A.M.
 St. Pius V Chapel - - - -9:00 A.M.
 Our Lady of Lourdes
 Chapel - - 11:30 A.M.
 (Father may be a bit late in arriving
 in Montgomery)

1. Daylight Saving Time begins April 5, 1998 - - PALM SUNDAY
 In the Spring time the clocks are set forward one hour.
2. Within the next few days, the Monastery is going to pave the road into the abbey grounds - leading to the abbey church. This may cause a bit of difficulty and inconvenience to those who attend daily Mass. The Fathers will keep everyone sufficiently informed.
3. Confessions are heard before Masses on Sunday. Once again- do not put aside this all important Sacrament. To do so would be folly!
4. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Al Sachs.

S P E C I A L N O T E

5. There will be no 9:30 Mass at St. Pius Chapel next Sunday. Neither will there be a 10:45 Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel next Sunday. The only Mass (of Palm Sunday) will take place at the Abbey Church.
6. The veiled images of the crucifix and the saints demonstrate the intense grief of the church. More than ever before, the TRUE CHURCH knows that men are seeking her Lord, and that those men are bent on the death of her Lord: men who have been set apart to help her in her service of her Lord, but whose shocking insults have subjected by indifference, conscious neglect or terrible acts of sacrilege, the supreme act of Divine Love.

"It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of
 the Living God."

7. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Abbot Leonard's Schedule Only)
 SUNDAY: For the People of the Chapels
 MONDAY: Special Int. Mary Rademacher
 TUESDAY: Special Int. Stephen Fillip
 WEDNESDAY: Special Int. Anna Rita Huelskamp
 THURSDAY: Special Int. Diane Rusinowski
 FRIDAY: Special Int. Kenneth Dyer Fam.
 SATURDAY: Special Int. Paul Roy Fam.