

2. Saturday, April 25, 1998 is the Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist.
3. Saturday, April 25, 1998 is set for the recitation of the Litany of the Saints. It is called the Greater Litany Day. The Greater Litany has, in tradition, been said throughout the Church to ward off plagues, and to beg for God's blessing on the harvest. The Mass of the day emphasizes the power of confident, persistent prayer to our heavenly Father. There is no connection between the Greater Litany and the feast of St. Mark, which was instituted later. They simply happen to be observed on the same day.
4. Mother's Day, this year is on May 10, 1998, and May Crowning of Our Blessed Mother will take place on that day at the 10:00 A.M. Mass in the Abbey Church. There will be a 9:30 A.M. Mass in Birmingham on that Day
Miss Catherine Girardi will give honor to the Blessed Mother on that day, and will place the crown on the head of Our Lady.
5. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Al Sachs.
6. Continue to pray for good vocations to our monastery and convent. Pray for men and women whose holiness of life will be a help to the cause of God's Holy Kingdom on Earth.
7. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Abbot Leonard's Schedule Only)**
 - SUNDAY: For the People of the Chapels
 - MONDAY: Dec. Anton Satori
 - TUESDAY: Dec. Father Bernard Patterson, O.S.B. II
 - WEDNESDAY: For the Souls in Purgatory
 - THURSDAY: Welfare of Christ the King Abbey
 - FRIDAY: Dec. Lawrence & Margaret Irwin
 - SATURDAY: Special Int. Camille Zaffaroni

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It is a marvelous honor for a man that he should be able to lift up his soul to God in prayer, but yet more full of honor is the gracious bending down of God, Who is in heaven, to man, who is on earth. We are in the depths here upon earth; high above us is God in heaven. The golden bridge upon which He descends to us is prayer. It is truly a marvelous and touching revelation of God's love to man, of God's munificence. What goodness and condescension, that God should say to man: "Pray for all that thou desirest; come to Me when thou wilt; enter My presence announced or unannounced, thou wilt ever be welcome; all that I have I offer to thee." Is not this boundless freedom which God allows to prayer a sure proof that we are allied to God? - that we are created for communion with Him? - that we are His family and His children? How unspeakable is this grace! How infinitely great He is, and yet He always has time to listen to us and allows us to seek His presence. Nowhere are we received so sincerely, so lovingly, so heartily, as by Him! He is our true and eternal Home, and nowhere are we so truly at home as when we are with Him in prayer. How immeasurable are our privileges! And how little we prize them. Why do men set so little value on prayer? Why are we ashamed to pray? - Does not this mean that many a one is actually ashamed of the dear God and renounces his own highest privilege? The man who forgets and neglects prayer does not know his own misery and his own dishonor!



Easter Time

