

I had a dream, Joseph. I don't understand it, not really, but I think it was about a birthday celebration for our Son. I think that was what it was all about. The people had been preparing for it for about six weeks. They had decorated the house and bought new clothes. They'd gone shopping many times and bought elaborate gifts. It was peculiar, though, because the presents weren't for our Son. They wrapped them in beautiful paper and tied them with lovely bows and stacked them under a tree. Yes, a tree, Joseph, right in their house. They'd decorated the tree also. The branches were full of glowing balls and sparkling ornaments. There was a figure on the top of the tree. It looked like an angel might look. Oh, it was beautiful. Everyone was laughing and happy. They were all excited about the gifts. They gave the gifts to each other. Joseph, not to our Son. I don't think they even knew Him. They never mentioned His name. Doesn't it seem odd for people to go to all that trouble to celebrate someone's birthday if they don't know Him. I had the strangest feeling that if our Son had gone to this celebration He would have been intruding. Everything was so beautiful, Joseph, and everyone so gay, but it made me want to cry. How sad for Jesus—not to be wanted at His own birthday party. I'm glad it was only a dream. How terrible, Joseph, if it had been real.

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Abbot Leonard's Schedule)
 SUNDAY: For the People of the Chapels
 MONDAY: Dec. Paul McGill
 TUESDAY: Special Int. Catherine Roblyer
 WEDNESDAY: For the Poor Souls
 THURSDAY: For the Poor Souls
 FRIDAY: For the Poor Souls
 *****SATURDAY:*** In Honor and Praise of the
 *** Jan. 1, 2000 Triune God
 ** Midnight

1. MILLENNIUM DAY SCHEDULE OF MASSES - ABBEY CHURCH ONLY

12:00 Midnight - There will be no Confessions before Mass
 Three Masses will begin at Midnight: (1) At the High Altar;
 (2) At the Altar in the Lady Chapel; (3) At the Altar in
 St. Joseph Chapel

After these Masses, The Act of Consecration of the
 Human Race to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
 WILL BE RECITED BY ALL.

At 11:30 P.M. The Rosary will be recited by all present

PLEASE NOTE WELL - - There will be NO 6:00 A.M. MASS IN THE ABBEY CHURCH
 Morning Mass in the Abbey Church - ALONE - 10:00 A.M.

The Holy Relics of Our Holy Father Benedict and Our Holy Mother
 Scholastica will be out for Veneration from 12:00 Midnight to
 12:00 Noon on Millenium Day

2. Next Sunday, January 1, 2000 is the First Sunday of January - and the First Sunday of the New Century - and the First Sunday of the New Millennium. There will be no 9:30 Mass at St. Pius Chapel in Birmingham
3. Tomorrow, December 27, 1999 is the Feast of St. John the Apostle
4. Tuesday, December 28, 1999 is the FEast of the Holy Innocents
5. Wednesday, December 29, 1999 is the Feast of St. Thomas a Becket.
6. January 1 - New Years Day - The Feast of the Circumcision of Our Blessed Lord is a Holy Day of Obligation
7. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut Ins of Our Chapels, especially remembering Al Sachs.