

PALM SUNDAY: There will be NO 9:30 A.M. Mass at St. Pius Chapel in Birmingham

6:00 A.M. Regularly Scheduled Mass

10:00 A.M. Palm Sunday Ceremonies and Mass.

ALL Ceremonies will be held in the Abbey Church. Weather Permitting please gather in front of the Monastery for the Blessing of the Palms and the PROCESSION.

EASTER SUNDAY - (Note Well)

Abbey Church

6:00 A.M. Regularly Scheduled Mass

10:00 A.M. Easter Mass - Regularly Scheduled Mass

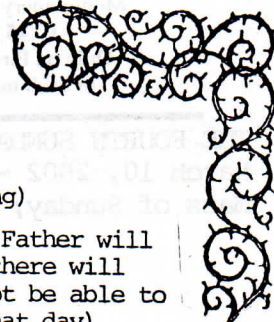
St. Pius Chapel in Birmingham

9:00 A.M. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF TIME

Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel in Montgomery

11:30 A.M. - (N.B. Father may be a few minutes late in arriving)

(SPECIAL NOTICE FOR ST. PIUS CHAPEL - due to the fact that Father will be rushed in order to meet the Montgomery Mission, there will be NO CONFESSIONS AFTER 8:45 A.M. and Father will not be able to bless special objects or visit with the people on that day)



1. Stations of the Cross and benediction of the most blessed sacrament each Lenten Friday at 7:00 P.M.
2. Please remember the Sick and Shut-Int of our Chapels, especially remembering Manny Gomez and Miriam Roy. Let us also remember Mother Angelica.
3. Catechism Class this morning after the 10:00 A.M. Mass.
4. Tuesday, March 12, 2002 is the Feast Day of the ever Great St. Gregory I - Pope. Please pray to him and ask him for his special protection over our ailing church and and him to correct the defective theology of our day - especially in some of our traditionalist circles.
5. Today is LAETARE SUNDAY - - Rejoice Sunday. Lent is half over. What kind of progress have we made on the matter of "SELF WILL"?
6. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Abbot Leonard's Schedule Only)

- SUNDAY: For the People of the Chapels
- MONDAY: Special Int. of the Donor
- TUESDAY: For the Poor Souls
- Wednesday: Dec. of the Michael Cavanaugh Family
- THURSDAY: Special Int. Patricia McDormott
- FRIDAY: Dec. Robert Shore
- SATURDAY: Sec. Sarah Rozon



In the last analysis we cannot guarantee the measure of asceticism or penance which will atone for our multitudinous sins, or bring us one single step nearer to union with God. We simply have no way of knowing This information is kept from us in this life. Since we cannot come upon such information would it not be much wiser (and safer), then, to work with what we can know? Would it not be better to have recourse to that something which carries a guarantee with it? Would it not be much wiser (and safer), to have recourse to that which Christ, Himself, pointed out to be the wisest and safest course to follow? The more we come to know and understand that which was behind Christ's atonement, the more will be come to know and understand that which has to be behind the atonement we must make. The closer we draw to union with Christ, the better we will come to understand Christ's definition of penance, and the more we come to notice the lightness and sweetness of His Burden!

Our security and the pardon for our sins do not lie in any merit of ours. If we trust in OUR own powers and OUR own abilities to redeem ourselves, and make OURSELVES clean of all sinful marks, we will (like the famous pharisee who went up to the temple to pray) very soon become filled with the usual and inevitable pride that inevitably and ultimately leads to the delusion and the confusion and discouragement and despair we see in the eyes and faces of most who walk the streets of the marketplace. How foolish of us to have the silly confidence in ourselves, thinking that we have the strength and the know-how to work out our own personal problems. When, if ever, will we learn that there is nothing to our credit that has not been given to us by God - HIMSELF ALONE! We possess nothing! Even after we have done everything that lies within us to do - unless God's love is within us as we work - we remain completely and entirely UNPROFITABLE SERVANTS!

WHAT KEEPS US FROM COMING TO A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF THIS ONE SIMPLE AND SINGLE FACT OF LIFE?

O Lord, be appeased: hearken and do: delay not for Thy own sake,