

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.

E A S T E R S U N D A Y - (Note Well)

Abbey Church

6:00 A.M. Regularly Scheduled Mass

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

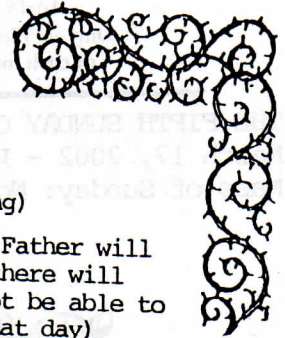
St. Pius Chapel in Birmingham

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-Ins 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 19, 2002 is the Feast of our Most Holy Father Joseph. So very special is this day!
5. Thursday, March 21, 2002 is the Feast of our Most Holy Father Benedict. Let us not fail to make of these two days - days of our STRONGEST PRAYERS. May these two Saints never fail to stand beside us.
6. Friday, March 22, 2002 we Commemorate the Seven Sorrows of our Most Blessed Mother!
7. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Abbot Leonard's Schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For the People of the Chapels
MONDAY:	Dec. Ambrose Gall
*****TUESDAY:***	Welfare of St. Joseph's Monastery
WEDNESDAY:	Special Int. Milton & Edith Schmidtzinsky
*****THURSDAY:**	Welfare Christ the King Abbey
	Welfare St. Joseph's Monastery
FRIDAY:	Special Int. Steve and Brenda Smith
SATURDAY:	For the Poor Souls

TODAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE SEASON CALLED PASSIONTIDE. TODAY WE BEGIN OUR SERIOUS MEDITATION OF THE SACRED PASSION SUFFERING AND DEATH OF OUR MOST BLESSED LORD: - - (even our covered statues focus attention on this sad event). Each year Our Holy Mother - Our Holy Church - brings to the minds of all her dear children the PRICE that was paid for the awful sin of MAN. Indeed, indeed, the measure of this Gift had no bounds. At his every Mass, the priest, just after he has consumed the Precious Body of our Lord in Holy Communion, and just before he consumes the Precious Blood of our Lord, says:

*What have I given to my Lord
 for all he has given to me?!*

At the beginning of Lent we were instructed to downplay the importance of the "giving up" process - - the child's offerings of "candy and cake and ice cream", and we were instructed that we should contemplate a more "grown-up" approach, and seriously consider in the "giving up" process, the "giving up of our SELF WILL! It is now quite late in the Holy Season of Lent. How much progress have we made in the offering of our SELF WILL to God? In point of fact - did we even think to make such an offering? Or - in the privacy of our minds - perhaps - did we not snicker at the very thought of such an exercise? When in the presence of others, - perhaps - did we not flippantly point out to our neighbor our determined desire for victory over self - - - when confronted by opposition? With self-serving argument, did we not strive to explain to our "adversaries" the way SELF WILL should be brought under control - but without damage to our right of self expression? During these days of Lent, have we stopped trying to MANIPULATE those who live around us? During these days of Lent, have we stopped playing our silly little games - - THE GAMES PEOPLE PLAY - - those silly little games always working to get things done our way? During these days of Lent, have we stopped playing politics with those who live around us in order to get them to agree with our SELF SERVING INTERESTS?

Our Blessed Lord cried out to His Heavenly Father: "Not my Will, but Thine be done!" No doubt, the prayer life of the most of us increased over the past few weeks - it usually does - and no doubt, in many of our Lenten Prayers we pray with utmost fervor those sacred Words of our Lord: "Not My Will, but Thine be done." If we have failed to come to serious grips with the commanded struggle against self, then, every time we repeat the PRICELESS Words of our Good and Blessed Lord, we make a horrible mockery of Him and everything He stands for! When our children see the TRUE SELF in us (and believe me, they do!) we form them in a criminal way - - WE TEACH THEM HOW TO BE MASTERS OF DECEIT!

Today is the First Sunday of the Sacred Passion of our Most Blessed Lord! What does this mean to us?