

"I am the Immaculate Conception."



O Mary, conceived without sin,
Pray for us who have recourse to thee!



1. Monday, December 9, 2002, is the transferred Feast of the Immaculate Conception and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses in the Abbey Church are at 6:00 AM, 8:00 AM, and 7:00 PM.
2. There will be no Catechism class today.
3. Thursday, December 5, 2002, is the first Thursday of December. Holy Hours in the Abbey Church are at 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM and 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM.
4. Friday, December 6, 2002, is the First Friday of December, and Saturday, December 7, 2002, is the First Saturday of December. Masses in the Abbey Church are at 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM on both days.
5. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Manny Gomez. Pray, also, for all the sick and needy, the suffering and hungry, the oppressed of the world. Pray for all the children of the world. Pray earnestly for all Priests! Pray for sinners! Pray for all who have called upon us for prayer and help.
6. This year at the Christmas Midnight Mass, Andrew Winland will carry the Baby Jesus and place Him in the Crib.
7. The Advent table readings begin today - try to be as conscientious as possible in this - especially where there are children present.
8. Next Friday is the Feast of St. Nicholas. With great care read the instruction concerning St. Nicholas on the front page of this Bulletin, and conscientiously work to present the proper atmosphere that should surround this special day. We must put personal preferences aside.
9. Tuesday, December 24, 2002, is the Vigil of Christmas and is a day of complete fast and abstinence. The fast on that day is not easy to keep, but it should be observed as much as the circumstances will allow and the festivities of the occasion will permit. Remember the Eucharistic fast which should begin about 9:30 PM for the Midnight Mass.
10. Christmas Masses in the Abbey Church are: Midnight (the church will be opened "about" 11:30 PM) Christmas Eve and 10:00 AM Christmas Day. (There will be NO 6:00 AM Mass.) *St. Pius V Chapel, Birmingham: 9:00 AM Christmas Day.*
11. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only): **SUNDAY:** For the people of our Chapels; **MONDAY:** Dec. Bradley Durwood; **TUESDAY:** Spec. Int. Marguerite McGill; **WEDNESDAY:** Dec. Eleanor Wendorf; **THURSDAY:** Dec. Dominic Censale; **FRIDAY:** Dec. Clara Gall; **SATURDAY:** Spec. Int. Paul Roy Family.

ADVENT WREATH BLESSING

First Sunday in Advent



Priest: On that day beholding from afar I shall see the Power of God coming and covering the whole earth like a cloud. Go ye out to meet Him and say unto Him: Tell us if Thou art He Who is to reign over the people of Israel.

People: On that day beholding from afar I shall see the Power of God coming and covering the whole earth like a cloud. Go ye out to meet Him and say unto Him: Tell us if Thou art He Who is to reign over the people of Israel.

Priest: And, all ye dwellers upon earth, sons of men, rich and poor.

People: Go ye out to meet Him and say unto Him: Tell us if Thou art He Who is to reign over the people of Israel.

Priest: Hear, O Thou Shepherd of Israel: Thou Who leadest Joseph like a sheep.

People: Behold the Lord shall come and all His saints with Him: and there shall be a great light on that day.

Priest: All ye who thirst come to the waters: seek ye the Lord while He may be found.

People: The mountains and the hills shall sing praise before God, and all the trees of the forest shall clap their hands, because the Lord, the Ruler, will come into His eternal kingdom.

Priest: The Lord will come and will not delay, and He will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will manifest Himself to all nations.

People: Let us live justly and godly, looking for the blessed hope and coming of the Lord.

Priest: Sound the trumpet in Sion, for the day of the Lord is near. Behold, He will come to save us. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: The Lord will come, go forth to meet Him, and say: Great is His dominion, and His kingdom shall have no end. He is God, the Mighty, the Ruler, the Prince of Peace. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Priest: The people shall fear Thy Name, O Lord.

People: And all the kings of the earth Thy glory.

Priest: LET US PRAY: As we Thy servants, O Lord, ask Thee for Thy blessing to descend upon this symbol of our hope and expectation, put forth Thy power, we beseech Thee, and come, that with Thee as our protector we may be rescued from the impending danger of our sins: and with Thee as our deliverer, may we obtain our salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

(Priest lights first candle - sprinkles wreath and people with holy water)

