



OUR CHRISTMAS — GIFT TO YOU

The 10:00 AM (CST) Mass on Christmas morning will be offered for the following intentions:

- (1) For you, the beloved people of our Chapels.
- (2) For the welfare of all our benefactors, who contribute toward the support of our Abbey Church, our Monastery, and our Convent.
- (3) For the welfare of all those to whom we have promised our prayers and who have asked us for our prayers.
- (4) For the welfare of all those who are on the mailing list of our Monastery, and who, because of that, are lovingly numbered among the members of our Benedictine Family.

*May God keep you
one and all!*

*Trust In God!
Do Not Be Afraid*

ADVENT WREATH BLESSING

Fourth Sunday in Advent

- All: That when again He shines revealed,
And trembling worlds to terror yield,
He give not sin it just reward,
But in His love protect and guard.
- Priest: Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just; let the earth be opened and put forth a savior.
- Priest: *∇*. The heavens show forth the glory of God.
- People: *℟*. And the firmament declares the work of His hands.
- Priest: *∇*. Come, O Lord, and do not delay.
- People: *℟*. Forgive the sins of Thy people Israel.
- Priest: *∇*. Lift up your gates, O ye princes; and be ye lifted up, O eternal gates, and the King of Glory shall enter in.
- People: *℟*. Who shall ascend into the mountain of the Lord or who shall stand in His holy place? The innocent in hands, and the clean of heart.
- Priest: *∇*. Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
- People: *℟*. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
- Priest: LET US PRAY: Bestir, O Lord, Thy might, we beseech Thee, and come; and with great power come to our aid, that, by the help of Thy grace, that which is hindered by our sins may be hastened by Thy merciful forgiveness.
- People: Amen.
(Priest lights fourth candle)

1. There will be Catechism class this morning after the 10:00 AM Mass.
2. This Christmas at the Midnight Mass Andrew Winland will carry the Baby Jesus and place Him in the Crib.
3. **Christmas Masses in the Abbey Church are at Midnight on Christmas Eve (the church will be opened 11:30 PM), and at 10:00 AM Christmas Morning. THERE WILL BE NO 6:00 AM MASS IN THE ABBEY CHURCH ON CHRISTMAS DAY. NO CONFESSIONS BEFORE EITHER CHRISTMAS MASS.**
4. Christmas Day Mass at St. Pius V Chapel in Birmingham is at 9:00 AM.
5. Christmas Eve is a day of COMPLETE ABSTINENCE and fast. It is understood that the fast is difficult to keep because of the great festivity of the day. A little "short cutting" in fasting on this day is certainly permissible.
6. 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.
7. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)
SUNDAY: For the people of our Chapels
MONDAY: For the Poor Souls
TUESDAY: Special int. Marguerite McGill
WEDNESDAY: MIDNIGHT: For the Monks and Nuns of our Monasteries
10:00 AM: For our beloved Benedictine Family - our Oblates, People of our Chapels, and all our Friends and Benefactors
THURSDAY: For the families of our Monks and Nuns
FRIDAY: For George & Laurie Niebuhr
SATURDAY: For Dorothy & Bill Roberts