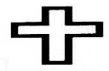


# Ash Wednesday



1. Wednesday, March 5, 2003, is Ash Wednesday. Masses in the Abbey Church on that day will be at 6:00 AM, 8:00 AM, and 7:00 PM.
2. The conclusion of point 1 of last week's Bulletin: ("Therefore, let us use the instructions that have come to us from the hands of the masters of true Catholicism - the Saints of God - and let us put into practice their good example.") ...

Our work is to preserve what is valuable and beneficial to souls seeking eternal salvation. Hell cannot and will not remain idle in the presence of any effort with leads to the salvation of even one soul. The Prince of Darkness had been vanquished in his pride but not in his hate, and, no longer daring to attack God in the plenitude of His Divine power, he seeks to thwart God's work by destroying the providential order God wishes to establish. Satan is everywhere and he works to insinuate himself into everything. Perhaps during no other period of history so much as during the present time has the genius of evil manifested so powerfully his perniciousness. Jealous of the glorious destiny promised to man (and which he himself lost through his own choosing), he turns man aside from the path to eternal life by corrupting his morals, perverting his ideas, tarnishing his ideals, and drawing him away from noble and holy affections. Ceaselessly active, Satan speaks in honey-tongued tones to every person on earth. Dare we hide the fact that he has set foot in so many of our holy places, and many is the votive light that burns in his behalf, both literally and figuratively. He has pressed the modern media (literature, radio, television, theater, etc.) into his service. The arts and sciences, medicine, politics, world affairs, entertainment, all pay him continual homage. His influence is to be seen on every marquee in the view of us all, in our schools, down every street we travel, and even in our own homes. And, the worst part of it all, our little children meet him so very early in life, in the very often unattended first years of their lives, in their schools, in their playmates, in the privacy of their own rooms, and in everything they see and hear and experience. Gone are the marvelous and warming nursery rhymes, fantasies, and fairytales - replaced as they have been by thoughts, words, and images most chilling, grotesque, violent, murderous, impure, and unchaste. No longer sweet and beautiful, the songs of today (even those for and by children) are raucous, out of tune, and full of suggestion. Indeed, Satan has insinuated himself into everything.

The father of lies, Satan does not go to sleep over his triumphs; rather, he anticipates with a jealous care any causes which may contribute to the strengthening of his infernal dominion. He spreads pitch and tarnish on everything. His watchful eye travels from one end of the world to the other and searches out any weak points which will enable him to increase his control over mankind. Are we, therefore, without hope? Are we to despair? NO! There is one whose watchful eye is ever more alert and who is ever more powerful - the one who drives Satan away in impotent rage. It is the one whose foot shall crush his ugly head. For those who seek her powerful protection, all effort on Satan's part will of no avail. Therefore in all of this, and especially for this Lent, let us redouble our devotion to the most Blessed Mother of God - our hope, our Mother, our protector, and our defender against all evil.

3. The usual Friday evening Stations of the Cross during Lent begin this Friday and start at 7:00 PM, followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
4. Thursday, March 6, 2003, is the first Thursday Adoration day, with Adoration at 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM and at 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM.
5. Friday, March 7, 2003, is the First Friday of March, with Masses at 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM.
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 THE PRIESTHOOD! Pray for all sinners! Pray for true peace.
7. There will be NO Catechism class today after Mass.
8. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For the people of our Chapels
MONDAY:	Special intention Helen Mullenbach
TUESDAY:	Special intention Stephanie
WEDNESDAY:	Deceased Joe Florentino
THURSDAY:	Special intention Sister Laurine, O.P.
FRIDAY:	Welfare Elena McNamara
SATURDAY:	Deceased Father Terry Marks

***O Lord, Come to our assistance!***