- 1. There will be Catechism class after Mass today.
- 2. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Manny Gomez. LET US ALSO PRAY FOR EVERYONE. Let us pray for ALL the priests and religious men and women of the world. NO MAN, WOMAN, OR CHILD SHOULD BE LEFT OUT OF OUR PRAYER. God made all men to be with Him in heaven for all eternity, and this includes every human being on earth, regardless of station or condition or place. Weak human nature and erroneous persuasions will prevent some from achieving the purpose intended for them by God, but that matter remains entirely between all such and God. We must make no judgments concerning such matters. If there is any sifting to be done, it is to be done by God, Himself alone. We are NOT the ones to do the sifting.
- 3. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY: For the people of our Chapels

MONDAY: Special intention Sister Mary Veronica, O.S.B. (Feast Day)

TUESDAY: Deceased Frank and Regina Fangmann

WEDNESDAY: For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY: In thanksgiving, in honor of the Blessed Mother

FRIDAY: Special intention of the Donor

SATURDAY: Special intention Mary Rademacher

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The great danger among the largest number of priests and people today who indicate a desire to return to the Catholicism handed down to us by our forefathers is that in practically all cases true Catholic experience is either outside of the limits of mental recall or it is totally unknown. The people have been separated from orthodox observance for such an extended period of time that proper and correct Catholic life and living has faded to the point of unintelligibility. To the younger generations it is not known at all and completely foreign. In all such cases, when these people become aware of their deep rooted distance from true Catholic worship and service - when they become aware of their separation from the truly established Catholicism of past ages - when they hear of it - willy-nilly - they fasten on to random doctrine, or onto some out-moded, manufactured, or homespun "traditional" religious observance or ritual (something they read somewhere or something they heard someone say), and then, unaided by well formed experience, wrench so much of the proper traditional observance from its context and proceed to apply it as if it were some kind of cure-all poultice. In all such instances, priests and people alike very often look only at the EXTERNALS of our holy traditional and ancestral religion, to the detriment of their deep, sincere, and holy SPIRITUALITY. Errors of this sort have caused a wrong understanding of the function of symbolism and ritual, both of which are profoundly important in their own right. As a consequence, in too many areas, the emblem has come to mean more than the truth which it represents - the means has become the end. Symbolism and ritual must never be allowed to take the place of the mysteries they are meant to bring to life and light. Where this is the modus operandi, is it any wonder that one fails to grow spiritually while employing and enjoining all the good and proper (and traditional and ancestral) representations of true Catholicism. A word of strong warning - especially at this time: Let us not be satisfied with just a "LATIN MASS"! Let us be smart enough to realize that the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass simply cannot be said in any but the true traditional manner and rite.

## \* IMPORTANT NOTICE \*

## **CONFIRMATION**

October 26, 2003 FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered for those in regular attendance at our traditional Roman Catholic Chapels in Alabama, here in our Abbey Church on October 26, 2003. The matter of the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation (and Matrimony) remains the obligation and responsibility of the <u>father</u> and <u>mother</u> of the one to be administered to. The grandparents are <u>not</u> the responsible parties, nor are they the ones to make the arrangements, since they are <u>not</u> the ones responsible before God for the upbringing of the child. It is most necessary and important that at least one of the PARENTS of the child to be Baptized or Confirmed <u>regularly</u> attend one of our Chapels. For justifiable reasons, if the request for Baptism or Confirmation comes from elsewhere other than our own Chapels, then the <u>PARENTS</u> (NOT the grandparents) must submit a statement in writing from the priest in charge of the their traditional Chapel, stating that they - the parents - regularly attend the specified Chapel, and that he (the priest) is in agreement with the Sacrament being administered here at Christ the King Abbey in Alabama. If this cannot be verified, PLEASE DO NOT ASK.

Baptismal Certificates are necessary for the reception of Confirmation and must be presented BEFORE any arrangements are made. <u>Unexpected arrivals should not expect to be admitted to the Sacrament of Confirmation.</u>

In matters concerning the Sacrament of Matrimony, the same rules - with the necessary adjustments - apply and must be honored by everyone.

If the above rules cannot be honored, PLEASE DO NOT ASK.