

ADVENT WREATH BLESSING
Second Sunday in Advent

All: A thrilling voice by Jordan rings,
Rebuking guilt and darksome things:
Vain dreams of sin and visions fly:
Christ in His might shines forth on high!

Priest: People of Sion, behold the Lord shall come to save the nations: and the Lord shall make the glory of His voice to be heard in the joy of your heart.

Priest: *℣.* Give ear, O Thou that rulest Israel.
People: *℟.* Thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.

Priest: *℣.* Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
People: *℟.* At it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Priest: LET US PRAY: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the ways of Thine only-begotten Son, that through His coming we may be worthy to serve Him with purified minds.

People: Amen. *(Priest lights second candle)*

1. There will be NO Catechism class in Cullman this morning.
2. **Tomorrow, December 8, 2003, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses in the Abbey Church will be at 6:00 AM, 8:00 AM, and 7:00 PM.**
3. Thursday, December 12, 2003, is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Let us pray to our Blessed Lady of Guadalupe, and ask her to show her power and might once again at FATIMA, and put down the tragedy that is scheduled (by unbelieving mankind) to take place on that most sacred ground.
4. By the wonderful grace of God, Alan Olson, of Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel in Montgomery, was Baptized and received into the Catholic Church yesterday. We are grateful to God for all His gifts and graces and we ask Him to bless and protect the Olson Family.
5. Please do not neglect you Advent readings. And please let it be noted that the one to do these readings is the Father of the Family, especially where children are present. In his necessary absence, the Mother should read. Also, the Father of the Family is the one who has the honor and the duty to bless the Advent Wreath.
6. **■■■N. B.: THE NEW DATE FOR ORDINATION TO THE SUBDEACONATE IS SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2004, AND THE NEW DATE FOR CONFIRMATION IS SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2004. Please pray that all goes well, according to God's will. ■■■**
7. The Traditional 2004 Calendars are now available, at the usual price of \$6.00 each. Please contact: CULLMAN: FATHER ABBOT – BIRMINGHAM: LAURIE NIEBUHR – MONTGOMERY: SCOTT LINEBACK.
8. At the Christmas Midnight Mass this year, Miss Adrienne Suzanne Liburdi will carry the Baby Jesus and place Him in the crib.
9. 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.
10. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY: For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY: For Christ the King Abbey and St. Joseph's Monastery
TUESDAY: For Marguerite McGill (*Birthday*)
WEDNESDAY: Special intention of the Donor
THURSDAY: Special intention of the Donor
FRIDAY: Deceased Walter Roberts (*Anniversary*)
SATURDAY: Welfare St. Joseph's Monastery

