

1. There will be NO Catechism class this morning.
2. Tuesday, February 24, 2004, is MARDI GRAS – “Fat Tuesday.” Let us recognize the correct religious and meaningful purpose of this day. Mardi Gras has its roots in good Catholic tradition, and it is a day of good and proper celebration and prudent feasting – but it is the day that marks the beginning of the Holy Season Lent – the season of special penance and mortification. Let us not hesitate to enjoy Mardi Gras with a lovely family party. Let us make amends for all the brutalisms that brutalist people have brought into Mardi Gras, and pray for all those who place dedicated emphasis on the brutalisms.
3. Wednesday, February 25, 2004, is **ASH WEDNESDAY**. It is NOT a Holyday of Obligation, but it is a day of solemn fast and abstinence, and this should be seriously observed by all who are supposed to observe the fast and abstinence regulations. **ASH WEDNESDAY IS A NO NONSENSE DAY**. With the celebration of Mardi Gras over, it is now time for serious reflection on our life’s purpose. **Masses in the Abbey Church will be at 6:00 AM, 8:00 AM, and 7:00 PM**, with the reception of ashes upon the forehead following each Mass on Ash Wednesday and all Masses next Sunday (February 29, 2004). The usual little packets of Blessed Ashes will be available at all the above Masses, and are to be taken home and used as sacramentals around the house and gardens.
4. Thursday, February 26, 2004, is the Feast of St. Matthias the Apostle.
5. Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament are held on the Fridays of Lent at 7:00 PM in the Abbey Church.
6. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Manny Gomez, Louis Glentz (our Father Sebastian’s father), Edward Sautner (our Father Michael’s father), Diane Calandra (our Frater Joseph’s mother), and Salvatore Riccardi (Maria Morin’s father). **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.
7. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard’s schedule only)**

SUNDAY:	For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY:	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
TUESDAY:	Deceased Miriam Roy
<u>WEDNESDAY:</u>	For our Religious Communities (in reparation)
THURSDAY:	Special intention Peter Meschio
FRIDAY:	Deceased Rose Barrett
SATURDAY:	Deceased Victoria Seng

HE COMES UNTO HIS OWN, AND HIS OWN RECEIVE HIM NOT!

Christ the King Abbey gives the highest recommendation to the viewing of Mel Gibson’s movie, *The Passion of the Christ*.

Give careful and critical analysis to the “seeds of suspicion” concerning this movie that are being scattered about in the minds of good-willed people. Be watchful of those who continue to look for proof. The devil knows only too well how to spread the fungus of confusion and disturbance in the hearts and minds of those souls who truly love God. Let us not waste this wonderful opportunity for good prayer.

The “fear” that some pretend to have concerning the violence so realistically portrayed in this movie is a misplaced fear. The real fear in those individuals is, rather, facing up to the **VIOLENCE** that the presentation of this movie hammers home to them that has to take place in their own hearts and minds and souls! They fear, and the horror is not so much on the screen as it is in their own hearts and minds and souls – **GOD IS GOOD!**

We heartily endorse Mel Gibson’s movie, ***THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST***.

We have made arrangements for the private viewing of this movie (with NO refreshments) at a local (Cullman) theatre on the first Friday of March (March 5, 2004), at 4:00 PM.

The Stations of the Cross will be held on the same evening in the Abbey Church at 7:00 PM.

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