

1. There will be NO Catechism class this morning.
2. The Ash Wednesday blessing with Ashes will follow immediately after all Masses today. Also, the usual little packets of Blesses Ashes are now available. Please help yourselves.
3. Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday of this week are the Ember Days of Lent, and are days of fast and abstinence. Meat may be eaten only once on Wednesday and Saturday.
4. Thursday, March 4, 2004, is the first Thursday of March, with the usual Holy Hours in the Abbey Church at 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM and 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM.
5. Friday, March 5, 2004 is the First Friday of March, with Masses in the Abbey Church at 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM. **Because of the movie, *The Passion of the Christ*, at 4:00 PM this Friday, the usual First Friday all-day adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Abbey Church will begin at 9:00 AM and end at 2:00 PM.**
6. Saturday, March 6, 2004, is the First Saturday of March, with Masses in the Abbey Church at 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM.
7. Next Sunday is the first Sunday of March. Therefore there will be NO Mass at St. Pius V Chapel in Birmingham next Sunday.
8. There will be NO Catechism class in Cullman next Sunday.
9. 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.
10. ***Our beloved Father John Quinn, of Lake Zurich, Illinois, died peacefully in the Lord on Friday, February 27, 2004. Please pray for the soul of this good Priest and staunch warrior for God's holy and true faith. He suffered much for his faith and God's truth.***
11. 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.
12. **MASSSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)**
 - SUNDAY: For the People of our Chapels
 - MONDAY: Deceased Father John Quinn
 - TUESDAY: Welfare of Manny Gomez
 - WEDNESDAY: Deceased Rose Barrett
 - THURSDAY: Special intention Father Thomas Zapp
 - FRIDAY: Special intention Joseph and Peggy Bonometti
 - SATURDAY: Special intention Paul Roy Family

“The Passion of the Christ”

Friday, March 5, 2004

Order of the day:

- 3:40 P.M.: Arrive at the Town Square Triple Theatre WITH PURPLE PASS. Without the pass you will have to pay to be admitted to the movie.
- 3:50 P.M.: Begin the Rosary in the theatre. The Fifth Sorrowful Mystery: The Crucifixion.
- 4:00 P.M.: The movie begins. NO refreshments or food during the movie. NO talking.
- 6:15 P.M.: (approximately) Leave theatre and drive to the Monastery. Go to the basement of the Church for a quick and simple penitential repast of bread and water, with perhaps a bit of cheese. This is an act of penance, and to the extent possible (with the exception of the sick), no further food should be eaten for the remainder of the evening. While eating all unnecessary speaking should be avoided. When finished, everyone should move quickly and quietly upstairs to the church for the Stations of the Cross.
- 7:00 P.M.: Stations of the Cross begin, followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
- 7:30 P.M.: (approximately) Compline begins. All are welcome to attend, if so inclined.
- 8:00 P.M.: (approximately) After Compline, return home with God's blessing and protection.