1. There will be <u>NO</u> Catechism class this morning.

2. Today is Palm Sunday. Please assemble (weather permitting) in front of the Monastery for the Ceremony of the Blessing of Palms before the 10:00 Mass.

3. Once again, since our monastic community of monks remains too small to carry out the magnificent ceremonies of Holy Week with the dignity and perfection they must have for the edification of all and for the greater honor and glory of God, the usual Holy Week Ceremonies will be omitted. This is a real sacrifice, and we offer it to God as a solemn prayer for vocations. Nevertheless, everyone is urged to spend these most holy days as prayerfully as possible, using their home chapels according to their intended purposes.

4. <u>HOLY THURSDAY</u> (April 8, 2004): As is the usual custom, the Abbey Church will be open all night from 8:00 PM Holy Thursday evening until 7:00 AM Good Friday morning. Each one is asked to make the small sacrifice of one hour's adoration watch during that most sacred night – in silent but solemn prayer, in penance, mortification, and reparation: all for the sins of our poor world. If you cannot make the trip to the Abbey Church then at least do what you can in the privacy of your own home in front of your home altar.

5. <u>GOOD FRIDAY</u> (April 9, 2004): From 12:00 Noon until 3:00 PM we will have our usual Good Friday services and the Stations of the Cross. **There will be *NO* stations of the cross Good Friday evening.**

6. BECAUSE THERE WILL BE NO SOLEMN CEREMONIES DURING HOLY WEEK, MASSES ARE <u>NOT</u> PERMITTED IN THE ABBEY CHURCH ON HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY, OR HOLY SATURDAY. *THEREFORE, THERE WILL BE <u>NO MASSES</u> ON THOSE DAYS.*

7. **<u>SCHEDULE FOR EASTER SUNDAY</u>:**
   + Masses in the Abbey Church are at the usual times of 6:00 AM and 10:00 AM.
   + <u>**N.B.**</u>: Mass at St. Pius Chapel in Birmingham is at **9:00 AM**. *(Since the Fathers will be rushed to meet the Montgomery Mission, there will be <u>no</u> blessing of religious objects or any visiting with the people on that day.)*
   + Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel in Montgomery is at **11:00 AM**. *(N.B.: The Fathers may be several minutes late in arriving.)*

8. The Annual Spring "Picnic" at Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel in Montgomery will take place after Mass on the first Sunday of May (May 2, 2004). For any information please contact Mrs. Pam Olson: (334) 361-7030.

9. <u>EARLY NOTICE</u>: On Mothers' Day, May 9, 2004, Andrew Winland will make his First Holy Communion at the 10:00 AM Mass in the Abbey Church. Andrew will then crown Our Lady during the ceremony after Mass. <u>THERE WILL BE *NO* MASS AT ST. PIUS V CHAPEL IN BIRMINGHAM ON MOTHERS' DAY.</u>

10. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels, especially remembering 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 <u>alone</u>. <u>We</u> are **NOT** the ones to do the sifting.

11. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY:	Welfare of Marguerite McGill
TUESDAY:	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
WEDNESDAY:	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
THURSDAY:	* * * HOLY THURSDAY * * *
FRIDAY:	* * * HOLY FRIDAY * * * * *
SATURDAY:	* * * HOLY SATURDAY * * *

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As a consequence, many wonderful children of God have been driven away, and they will probably never again return!