

1. There will be NO Catechism class this morning.
2. Tomorrow, April 26, 2004, is the transferred Rogation Day. Therefore the Rogation Procession with the Litany of the Saints will be held before the 6:00 AM Mass tomorrow morning.
3. Saturday, May 1, 2004, is the First Saturday of May, with Masses in the Abbey Church at 6:00 and 8:00 AM.
4. Saturday, May 1, is also the first day of our Abbey May evening Rosary procession, beginning at 7:10 PM.
5. Next Sunday, May 2, 2004, is the first Sunday of May. Therefore there will be NO Mass at St. Pius V Chapel in Birmingham next Sunday.
6. The Annual Spring "Picnic" at Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel in Montgomery will take place after Mass next Sunday (May 2, 2004). For any information please contact Mrs. Pam Olson: (334) 361-7030.
7. "All the faithful who have reached the age of their reason must sincerely confess their sins at least once a year. This confession need not be made during the Easter time, but because of the prescribed Easter Communion it is practical to make it at this time... All the faithful who have attained the use of their reason must receive Holy Communion at least once during the Easter season... The Easter season within which one must receive Holy Communion usually extends in the United States, from the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday." (*Moral Theology*, Fr. Heribert Jone, 1961)
8. EARLY NOTICE: On Mothers' Day, May 9, 2004, Andrew Winland, Joseph Patterson, Theresa Patterson, and James Hand will make their First Holy Communion at the 10:00 AM Mass in the Abbey Church. Andrew Winland will also crown Our Lady during the ceremony after Mass. THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT ST. PIUS V CHAPEL IN BIRMINGHAM ON MOTHERS' DAY.
9. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Edward Sautner (our Father Michael's father), and Diane Calandra (our Frater Joseph's mother). 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:	Deceased Anthony Satori
TUESDAY:	Special intention Mary Brueggemann
WEDNESDAY:	Special intention Theresa Farris
THURSDAY:	Special intention Father Gerard McKee
FRIDAY:	Deceased Helen Remment
SATURDAY:	For our St. Joseph's Monastery (<i>Feast of St. Joseph</i>)

MORE CONFUSION WORSE CONFOUNDED

In the Traditional Catholic World, from all quarters, there are many conflicting cross currents of thought and pronouncements and misapplied directives. It is an out-of-control whirlwind tormenting the soul of man and destroying the security and serenity of good-intentioned Children of God. Legislation that contradicts legislation, untruth cleverly mixed with truth, and all the rest – good people suffer confusion and distraction of soul, not knowing who or what to believe or where to turn for help and guidance.

TRADITIONAL ROMAN CATHOLICISM IS UNDER ATTACK – now more than ever before – and every tried and true Traditional Roman Catholic man, woman, and child meets challenge and persecution and confrontation at every turn.

More than ever before, examination is important. The examination must be objective, honest, and accurate. Debate and argument are not the answer – rather debate and argument have never really fully persuaded anybody. What is now needed is earnest examination united with fervent prayer, working with the inspiration of the grace of God.

When any Traditional Catholic is challenged or confronted for his or her belief, if he or she is asked: "Why are you a Traditional Roman Catholic?" – the answer to give ought to be:

"MY FRIEND, I EXAMINED AND I BELIEVE!"

"IF YOU EXAMINE, YOU, TOO, WILL BELIEVE!"

Ernest examination united with fervent prayer cannot but lead one to true Catholicism.