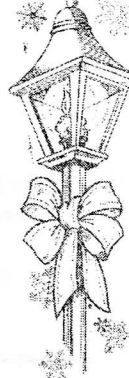


Our Lady of Guadalupe



Pray for us who have recourse to thee!

ADVENT WREATH BLESSING Third Sunday in Advent - Gaudete Sunday

All: The Lamb descends from heaven above,
To pardon sin with freest love;
For such indulgent mercy shewn,
With tearful joy our thanks we own.



Priest: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your modesty be known to all men; for the Lord is nigh. Be nothing solicitous; but in everything by prayer let your requests be made known to God.

Priest: *∕*. Thou O Lord, that sittest upon the Cherubim, stir up Thy might, and come.

People: *℞*. Give ear, O Thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.

Priest: *∕*. Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

People: *℞*. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Priest: LET US PRAY: Grant us, we beseech Thee, O lord, that the coming solemnity of our redemption may both bring us help for our present life, and bestow on us the rewards of everlasting blessedness. Through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen. *(Priest lights third - rose - candle)*

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE Saturday, December 25, 2004

Christmas Masses in the Abbey Church will be at Midnight on Christmas Eve (the Church will be open about 11: 15 PM), and at 10:00 AM on Christmas Day. **There will be NO 6:00 AM Mass in the Abbey Church on Christmas Day.**

Christmas Mass at St. Pius V Chapel in Birmingham will be at 9:00 AM on Christmas Day.

NB: Anyone receiving Holy Communion at the Christmas Eve Midnight Mass may NOT receive Holy Communion at a later Mass on Christmas Day.

James Hand will carry the Baby Jesus and place Him in the Crib at the Midnight Mass.

SPECIAL NOTE: There will be NO Confessions before the Midnight Mass or the 10:00 AM Mass for Christmas.

1. There will be NO Catechism class this morning.
2. Today is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.
3. Saturday, December 18, 2004, is the Feast of the Expectation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
4. Wednesday, December 15, Friday, December 17, and Saturday, December 18, 2004, are the Winter Ember Days of the year, and are days of Fast and Abstinence. Meat may be eaten ONCE on Wednesday and Saturday.
5. THANKS BE TO GOD: On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Mr. Anthony Jason Pendleton, of Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel, and Mr. Justin Prescott, of St. Pius V Chapel, were Baptized and received into the Catholic Church. We ask the special prayers of all for these gentlemen, and may God bless them.
6. **NB:** Christmas Eve – Friday, December 24, 2004 – is a day of Fast and Abstinence, and must be looked upon as such – however, the occasion is a festive one, and good prudence of judgment must be observed. Please refer to last week's Bulletin (# 859) for directives.
7. **EARLY NOTICE:** On Sunday, January 9, 2005 (The Feast of the Holy Family), in the Abbey Church, Miss Mollie Deptuch will enter the Novitiate of Saint Joseph's Monastery. We ask the special prayers of everyone for the welfare of Miss Deptuch.
8. The 2005 Calendars are available at the usual price of \$6.00 each. Please see Mrs. Pam Olson in Montgomery; Mrs. Laurie Niebuhr in Birmingham; Fr. Abbot or Fr. Francis in Cullman.
9. Especially during these holy days of Advent, let us pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels. **Let us pray especially for Father James Wathen, who is on his death bed.**
10. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY: For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY: Welfare the LeBlanc Family
TUESDAY: Welfare Patricia Di Maggio
WEDNESDAY: Deceased Vincent Kaub

THURSDAY: For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
FRIDAY: Special intention Martha Brueggemann
SATURDAY: Special intention May Conlon

