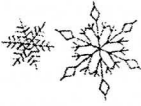


ADVENT WREATH BLESSING – Fourth Sunday in Advent

All: That when again He shines revealed,
And trembling worlds to terror yield,
He give not sin its just reward,
But in His love protect and guard.



Priest: Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just; let the earth be opened and put forth a savior.

Priest: √. The heavens show forth the glory of God.

People: ⋈. And the firmament declares the work of His hands.

Priest: √. Come, O Lord, and do not delay.

People: ⋈. Forgive the sins of Thy people Israel.

Priest: √. Lift up your gates, O ye princes; and be ye lifted up, O eternal gates, and the King of Glory shall enter in.

People: ⋈. Who shall ascend into the mountain of the Lord or who shall stand in His holy place? The innocent in hands, and the clean of heart.

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: Bestir, O Lord, Thy might, we beseech Thee, and come; and with great power come to our aid, that, by the help of Thy grace, that which is hindered by our sins may be hastened by Thy merciful forgiveness.

People: Amen. *(Priest lights fourth 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.



*At the Christmas Midnight Mass
Anthony Pendleton and Justin Prescott
will make their First Communion.
Please allow Mr. and Mrs. Pendleton
to receive Communion together first.
Then please allow Mr. Prescott
to receive Communion next.
After they have received Communion
everyone else please come up as usual.*

OUR CHRISTMAS GIFT TO YOU

The 10:00 AM (CST) Mass on Christmas morning will be offered for the following intentions:

- 1) For you, the beloved people of our Chapels.
- 2) For the welfare of all our benefactors, who contribute toward the support of our Abbey Church, our Convent, and our Monastery.
- 3) For the welfare of all those to whom we have promised our prayers and who have asked us for our prayers.
- 4) For the welfare of all those who are on our Abbey's mailing list, and who, because of that, are lovingly numbered among the members of our Benedictine Family.



MAY GOD KEEP YOU ONE AND ALL!



1. **N.B.:** There will be **NO** more Catechism class after Mass this year until the second Sunday of January, 2005.
2. Tuesday, December 21, 2004, is the Feast of Saint Thomas the Apostle.
3. **NB:** Christmas Eve – **The Vigil of Christmas** – 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.
4. **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.
5. 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.
6. Especially during these holy days of Advent, let us pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels. LET US ALSO PRAY FOR EVERYONE. Let us pray for SOULS.
7. **MASSSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY: For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY: Special intention Eugene Deptuch
TUESDAY: For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
WEDNESDAY: Deceased Manny Gomez
THURSDAY: Deceased John and Grace Giardina
FRIDAY: Special intention Micheline Barrere

SATURDAY: MIDNIGHT: For the Monks and Nuns of our Monasteries; **10:00 AM:** For our beloved Oblates, the People of our Chapels, and all our Friends and Benefactors

