

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: R̄. Give ear, O Thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.

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

People: R̄. 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 candle)

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 25, 2005

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 again at a later Mass on Christmas Day.

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

Miss Virginia Patterson will carry the Baby Jesus and place Him in the Crib during the Midnight Mass.

1. There **will** be Catechism class after the 10:00 AM Mass this morning.
2. There **will** be the usual 5:00 Sunday Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament this afternoon.
3. Tomorrow, December 12, 2005, is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Roman calendar).
4. Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday of this week are Ember Days, and are days of Fast and Abstinence. Meat may be eaten ONCE on Wednesday and Saturday at the main meal.
5. **NB:** Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24, 2005 – **The Vigil of Christmas** – 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 (# 912) for directives.
6. The 2006 Traditional Catholic Calendars are available only to the people who attend our Chapels, at the usual price of \$6.00 each. At Christ the King Abbey in Cullman, see Father Francis, OSB. At Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel in Montgomery, see Mrs. Pam Olson. At Saint Pius V Chapel in Birmingham, see Mrs. Laurie Niebuhr.
7. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels. 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. While Our Blessed Lord was hanging on the Cross He did not look around and pick and choose those for whom He was dying. He did not exclude a single member of the Human Race – even His enemies – from the wounded Love that came forth from Him during those momentous moments. 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. Our only duty is to pray for **souls**. We 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.
8. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY:	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
TUESDAY:	Deceased Valentina Peterka
WEDNESDAY:	Special intention Marguerite McGill
THURSDAY:	Deceased Victor Tancreti
FRIDAY:	Deceased Melvin McKennon
SATURDAY:	Deceased Ernie Silva

Next Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Advent
Blessing of Bread Sunday

