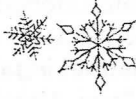


ADVENT WREATH BLESSING

Fourth Sunday in Advent

All: That when again He shines revealed,
And trembling worlds to terror yield,
He give not sin it 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

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 NO Catechism class until Sunday, January 8, 2006.
2. There will be the usual 5:00 Sunday Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament this afternoon.
3. Wednesday, December 21, 2005, is the Feast of Saint Thomas the Apostle.
4. ***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 Bulletin number 912 for directives.
5. ***Next Sunday, December 25, 2005 (Christmas Day), there will be Solemn Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:00 PM.***
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. **MASSSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY:	Special intention George and Laurie Niebuhr
TUESDAY:	For the Michael Winland Family
WEDNESDAY:	For all the suffering, dying, and dead of the world's disasters
THURSDAY:	Special intention Peter Schmitz-Hille
FRIDAY:	Deceased John and Grace Giardina (<i>Wedding Anniversary</i>)
SATURDAY:	Special intention Micheline Barrere

