

1. There will be NO Catechism class until April 30, 2006 (the Second Sunday after Easter).
2. There WILL be the usual 5:00 Sunday Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament this afternoon.
3. Today is Palm Sunday. Weather permitting, we will have the usual Blessing of Palms and the Palm Sunday Procession before the 10:00 Mass. ***Confessions will be interrupted at 9:45 AM this morning so that everyone can gather outside in front of the Monastery for the Palm Blessing Ceremony. Confessions will be continued after everyone has processed back into the church.***
4. *Once again, since our monastic community remains too small to carry out the magnificent ceremonies of Holy Week with the dignity and perfection they deserve, the usual Holy Week Ceremonies will be omitted. This is a real sacrifice, and we offer it to God as a solemn prayer for vocations. Nevertheless, everyone is urged to spend these most holy days as prayerfully as possible, using their home chapels according to their intended purpose.*
5. ***N.B.: BECAUSE THERE WILL BE NO SOLEMN CEREMONIES IN THE ABBEY CHURCH DURING HOLY WEEK, MASSES ARE NOT PERMITTED ON HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY, OR HOLY SATURDAY. THEREFORE THERE WILL BE NO MASSES ON THOSE DAYS.***
6. • HOLY THURSDAY (April 13, 2006): There will be all night Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Abbey Church beginning at 8:00 PM on Holy Thursday and ending at 8:00 AM on Good Friday.
7. • GOOD FRIDAY (April 14, 2006): The usual Good Friday services in the Abbey Church will begin at 12:00 Noon and end with the Stations of the Cross at 3:00 PM. ***There will be NO Stations of the Cross in the evening on Good Friday.***
8. • EASTER SUNDAY (April 16, 2006) MASS SCHEDULE:
 - ABBEY CHURCH, CULLMAN: **6:00 AM** and **10:00 AM**.
 - ST. PIUS V CHAPEL, BIRMINGHAM: **9:00 AM.** *(Please note time carefully.)*
 - OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHAPEL, MONTGOMERY: **11:45 AM.** *(Please note time carefully.)*
9. EARLY NOTICE: We will have First Communion for children during the 10:00 Mass in the Abbey Church on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14, 2006. Anyone wishing more information, please see Father Francis. First Confessions will be heard on the Sunday before Mother's Day (May 7, 2006).
10. 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.
11. **DUE TO THE UNUSUAL NATURE OF THINGS EASTER WEEK, FATHER ABBOT'S EASTER WEEK MASS SCHEDULE WILL NOT PERMIT ADDITIONAL INTENTIONS.** THEREFORE, FATHER FRANCIS WILL OFFER HIS FIRST EASTER SUNDAY MASS (IN BIRMINGHAM) FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR CHAPELS. HIS SECOND EASTER SUNDAY MASS (IN MONTGOMERY) WILL BE OFFERED FOR ALL OF OUR OBLATES, BENEFACTORS, AND FRIENDS.
12. **MASS FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY:	Special intention Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Holup
TUESDAY:	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
WEDNESDAY:	Welfare Marguerite McGill
THURSDAY:	NO MASS (<i>HOLY THURSDAY</i>)
FRIDAY:	NO MASS (<i>GOOD FRIDAY</i>)
SATURDAY:	NO MASS (<i>HOLY SATURDAY</i>)

