

ADVENT WREATH BLESSING
Second Sunday of Advent

All: A thrilling voice by Jordan rings,
Rebuking guilt and darksome things:
Vain dreams of sin and visions fly:
Christ in His might shines forth on high!

Priest: People of Zion, behold the Lord shall come to save the nations
and the Lord shall make the glory of His voice to be heard in the
joy of your heart.

Priest: *℣.* Give ear, O Thou that rulest Israel.
People: *℟.* Thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.

Priest: *℣.* Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
People: *℟.* At it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.

Priest: LET US PRAY: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the ways
of Thine only-begotten Son, that through His coming we may be
worthy to serve Him with purified minds.

People: Amen. *(Priest lights second candle)*

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 25, 2006

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.

1. **CATECHISM CLASS:** Children 6 to 14 please meet Father Joseph in the vestibule right after the 10:00 Mass.
2. There WILL be 5:00 PM Sunday Vespers and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament this afternoon.
3. Tuesday, December 12, 2006, is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Roman calendar).
4. **Early Notice:** Wednesday, December 20, Friday, December 22, and Saturday, December 23, 2006, are the Winter Ember Days, and are days of Fast and Abstinence. Meat may be eaten ONCE (**only**) on Wednesday and Saturday at the main meal.
5. **Early Notice:** December 24, 2006, the Vigil of Christmas, this year falls on Sunday. Therefore, Christmas Eve this year is **NOT** a day of fast or abstinence.
6. **Early Notice:** Monday, January 1, 2007 (New Years Day), is the Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord and is a Holyday of Obligation. **Masses in the Abbey Church on January 1, 2007, will be ONLY at 6:00 AM and 10:00 AM. There will be NO Mass at Saint Pius V Chapel in Birmingham on January 1, 2007.**
7. **N.B.:** In order to avoid any confusion, those who receive Holy Communion at the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, Christmas Eve, may also receive Holy Communion at the Christmas Midnight Mass.
8. Miss Caitlin Potter will carry the Baby Jesus and place Him in the Crib at the Midnight Mass this year.
9. 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.
10. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)
 - SUNDAY: For the People of our Chapels
 - MONDAY: Special intention Patricia DiMaggio
 - TUESDAY: For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
 - WEDNESDAY: Welfare Tom Nelson
 - THURSDAY: Special intention Father David Sansone
 - FRIDAY: Special intention Ken and Carolyn Dobbs
 - SATURDAY: Special intention Mary Timura

*“Behold, the King shall come, and He shall
take away the yoke of our captivity.”*