

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: V. Thou O Lord, that sittest upon the Cherubim, stir up Thy might, and come.

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

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

People: R. 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
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.

Miss Caitlin Potter will carry the Baby Jesus and place Him in the Crib at the Midnight Mass this year.

- CATECHISM CLASS:** Children 6 to 14 please meet Father Joseph in the vestibule right after the 10:00 Mass. **After today, there will be NO Catechism class until Sunday, January 7, 2007.**
- There WILL be 5:00 PM Sunday Vespers and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament this afternoon.
- The Great "O" Antiphons begin tonight. Please include these each day with your daily Advent readings.**
- Monday, December 18, 2006, is the Feast of the Expectation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Roman calendar).
- Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday of this week 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.
- Thursday, December 21, 2006, is the Feast of Saint Thomas the Apostle.
- Next Sunday (the Fourth Sunday of Advent), December 24, 2006, is the Vigil of Christmas, but is **NOT** a day of fast or abstinence. ***DUE TO CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS IN THE ABBEY CHURCH, THE USUAL 5:00 PM SUNDAY VESPERS AND BENEDICTION WILL NOT BE HELD NEXT SUNDAY.***
- 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.
- Next Monday, December 25, 2006 (Christmas Day), there will be Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:00 PM.***
- 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.**
- 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.
- Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels. **LET US ALSO PRAY FOR EVERYONE.**
- 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: Dec. Marguerite McGill-Cousin
WEDNESDAY: For Sr. Scholastica Barrere-Cousin
THURSDAY: Spec. Int. Peter Schmitz-Hille
FRIDAY: Deceased Ludmilla Burda
SATURDAY: Deceased John & Grace Giardina

Blessing of Bread

Do not forget the
Blessing of Bread Ceremony
after the 10:00 AM Mass next
Sunday - Christmas Eve -
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Merry Christmas!

