

ADVENT WREATH BLESSING

Fourth Sunday of 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

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 tonight.

Mrs. Laurie Niebuhr and Miss Celeste Olson will play the organ and sing at the Midnight Mass tonight.

- CATECHISM CLASS: NO** Catechism class until Sunday, January 7, 2007.
- There will be NO 5:00 Vespers or Benediction this afternoon.
- Today, December 24, 2006, is the Vigil of Christmas, but, being Sunday, it is **NOT** a day of fast or abstinence.
- N.B.:** In order to avoid any confusion, those who receive Holy Communion this morning (Christmas Eve), may also receive Holy Communion at Christmas Midnight Mass tonight.
- Tuesday, December 26, 2006, is the Feast of Saint Stephen, the first Martyr.
- Wednesday, December 27, 2006, is the Feast of Saint John the Evangelist. Wednesday is also the Name day of our Frater John, OSB. Please keep Frater John in your special prayers on that day.
- Thursday, December 28, 2006, is the Feast of The Holy Innocents.
- 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.**
- The 2007 Traditional Catholic Calendars are available, only to the people who attend our Chapels, for \$8.00 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.
- 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.
- MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)**

SUNDAY:	For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY:	Midnight: For the Monks and Nuns of our Communities Dawn: Special intention Bishop Robert McKenna, OP 10:00 AM: For all our Christmas Gift intentions
TUESDAY:	Deceased Sister Regina Campbell, OSB
WEDNESDAY:	Deceased Paul McGill, Sr.
THURSDAY:	Special intention John Ward
FRIDAY:	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
SATURDAY:	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

Merry Christmas!

