

1. **CATECHISM CLASS:** Children 6 to 14 please meet Father Joseph in the vestibule right after the 10:00 Mass.
2. There will be **NO** 5:00 PM Sunday Vespers this afternoon.
3. **ATTENTION:** Please do **NOT** park in front of the main sidewalk entrance leading to the Church (where there is not a concrete parking bumper).
4. **Early Notice: Palm Sunday this year falls on the first Sunday of April. Therefore there will be NO Mass at our Lady of Lourdes Chapel in Montgomery on the First Sunday of April (April 1, 2007). However, there will be Mass in Montgomery on the second Sunday of April (April 8, 2007); see note number 9 below.**
5. **Sunday, April 1, 2007 is Palm Sunday.** Weather permitting, we will have the usual Blessing of Palms and the Palm Sunday Procession before the 10:00 Mass at the Abbey Church. *Confessions will be interrupted at 9:45 AM Palm Sunday 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.*
6. 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.
7. **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.**
8. • **HOLY THURSDAY (April 5, 2007):** 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.
9. • **GOOD FRIDAY (April 6, 2007):** 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.**
10. • **EASTER SUNDAY (April 8, 2007) 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: **10:45** AM. (*Please note time carefully.*)
11. **N.B.:** Because the first Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of April fall during Holy Week this year, we will **NOT** have the usual first Thursday, Friday, or Saturday Masses, Holy Hours, or Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
12. **Stations of the Cross each Friday evening in the Abbey Church during Lent starting at 7:00 PM, followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.** Our very troubled times cry out for special penance and sacrifice. Those who can are urged to attend the Stations (or at least do so in their home chapels) and offer this sacrifice for the welfare of all those whose will is good and whose intention is to love God with genuine devotion but who, because of circumstances, are unable to live the life asked of them by their Holy Religion.
13. **N.B.:** Let us all remember to make our Easter Duty this year: "All the faithful who have reached the age of their reason must sincerely confess their sins at least once a year. This confession need not be made during the Easter time, but because of the prescribed Easter Communion it is practical to make it at this time... All the faithful who have attained the use of their reason must receive Holy Communion at least once during the Easter season... The Easter season within which one must receive Holy Communion usually extends in the United States, from the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday." (*Moral Theology*, Fr. Heribert Jone, 1961)
14. **REMEMBER, DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2007. SET ALL CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR NEXT SUNDAY.**
15. **EARLY NOTICE:** We will have **First Communion** for children during the 10:00 Mass on **Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13, 2007.** Anyone with a child who is ready for this awesome and important privilege, please see Father Francis, who will examine each child on how well they understand their religion, especially Confession and Communion. First Confessions will be heard on the Sunday before Mother's Day (May 6, 2007).
16. 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.**
17. **MASS FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)**

SUNDAY:	For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY:	Special intention Patricia McDermott
TUESDAY:	Special intention Maria Morin
WEDNESDAY:	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
THURSDAY:	Special intention Patricia DiMaggio
FRIDAY:	Welfare Gina Wika
SATURDAY:	For Melvin McKennon