

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. Tomorrow, March 19, 2007, is the Feast of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Universal Church, Patron of our Abbey Church, and Patron of our Saint Joseph's Monastery. Tomorrow is also the Name day of our Father Joseph, OSB. Please keep Father Joseph in your special prayers tomorrow.
4. Wednesday, March 21, 2007, is the Feast of Saint Benedict.
5. We will have sung Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:00 PM tomorrow and Wednesday.
6. **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.*
7. **N.B.:** There will be **NO Mass at Saint Pius V Chapel in Birmingham nor at Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel in Montgomery on Sunday, April 1, 2007 (Palm Sunday).**
8. **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.
9. • **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.
10. • **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.**
11. • **EASTER SUNDAY (April 8, 2007) MASS SCHEDULE:**
  - ABBEY CHURCH, CULLMAN: **6:00** AM and **10:00** AM. (N.B.: Confessions will end at **9:30 AM**.)
  - ST. PIUS V CHAPEL, BIRMINGHAM: **9:00** AM.
  - OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHAPEL, MONTGOMERY: **10:45** AM.
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.
13. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels. LET US ALSO PRAY FOR EVERYONE.
14. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)
 

<b>SUNDAY:</b>	For the People of our Chapels
<b>MONDAY:</b>	<b>Welfare Saint Joseph's Monastery (Feast of St. Joseph)</b>
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	For Father Joseph, OSB (Name day)
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	<b>Welfare our Benedictine Monks and Nuns and Oblates (Feast of St. Benedict)</b>
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	For Father Joseph Cassian Folsom, OSB
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	Deceased Anna Rita Huelskamp
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	Special intention Caitlin Potter

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***“BE YOU THEREFORE PERFECT. AS ALSO YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER IS PERFECT”***

*There is the order that has been given! It has to be carried out as given, and no one is excused from the command of it. Even though the accomplishment of it in its completeness – fullness – remains quite impossible for the human soul, nevertheless the order stands as given and every effort must be made to work for the perfection called for. God rewards the effort – the genuine and sincere effort – not the result. The perfection of the Heavenly Father is the **SUMMIT** we have been told to seek after. The perfection of the Heavenly Father is “the very top of the mountain” that we have been ordered to climb. What is more, this mountain has to be climbed with determination, commitment, and unwavering decision, and it must be climbed in solitude and humility and good will. **ALL** of our every effort; **ALL** of the enthusiasm of our desire; **ALL** of the genuineness of our intention; **ALL** of the purity of our heart must be to try to reach the top of that mountain.*

*For every blessed child of God – for us – **FOR ME!** – Christianity, indeed, the true and undefiled way of Catholic living and believing – the way of Jesus Christ, is not a coat to be put over the nakedness of my human nature. The Catholic way of living and believing is a new nature, it is a turning away from, it is a transformation of the whole man – it is the **CONVERSIO!** If my Faith in God is only skin deep, following the allurements of liturgical theatrics and changeable spiritual emotions, it will betray itself in my actions when I am confronted with the various vicissitudes in my life. Weak faith will in no way help me up the mountain. Weak faith is not strong enough to help anyone who is struggling to climb to the top. My eyes must at every moment be fixed upon the summit I must seek after. My efforts to try to reach the heights of perfection must be unflagging. As I hang in mid-air, hanging at the end of the “rope of grace,” dangling between the heights of heaven and the depths of hell, with the strong wind currents of temptations whirling me about like a leaf hither and yon, **ALL ALONE**, the situation becomes very much a situation that is strictly one between God and me!*

*If my face is turned only to the summit and my eyes are fixed on that summit, no man whose foot has ever touched the crust of this earth, no devil who lives in the eternal hell, has the strength or power or ability to keep me from my work and hope!*