

Christ the King Abbey

(Traditional Benedictines)
(Formerly St Francis of Assisi Chapel)
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Cullman, Alabama

Every Sunday: 6:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Daily: 6:00 AM

Holy Days of Obligation:

6:00 AM · 8:00 AM · 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel

Montgomery, Alabama

10:45 AM

Only on first Sunday
of each month

St Pius V Chapel
Birmingham, Alabama

9:30 AM

Every Sunday except
first Sunday of each month

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

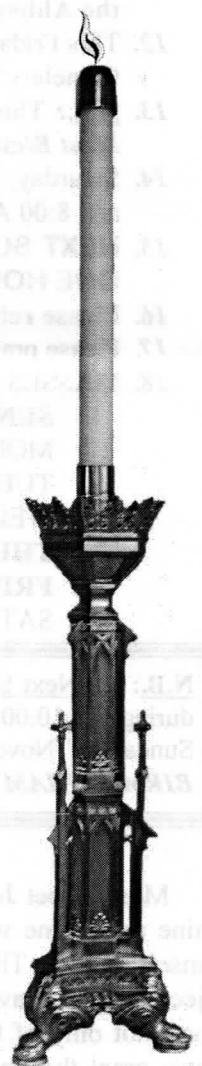
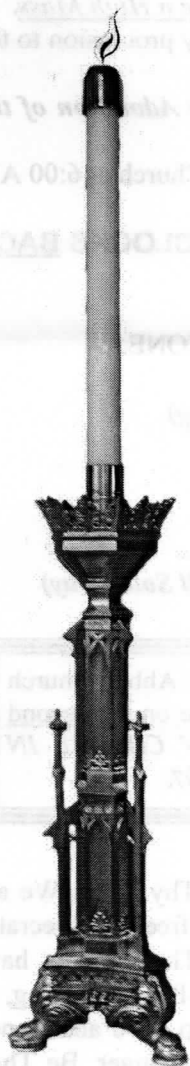
Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 28, 2007 – White / Gold

Mass of Feast; Gl; Cr; Pref. Christ the King; Comm. Sunday

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Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King



*All
Honor*

*All
Glory*

1. **PLEASE STUDY ALL PARTS OF TODAY'S BULLETIN SLOWLY AND CAREFULLY!**
2. CATECHISM CLASS: There will be NO Catechism class this morning.
3. There WILL be 5:00 PM Sunday Vespers and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament this afternoon.
4. Today is the is the magnificent Feast of Christ the King, the Patronal Feast of Christ the King Abbey.
5. **We will have Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament immediately following the 10:00 AM Mass in the Abbey Church this morning.**
6. Monday, October 29, 2007, is the transferred Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles.
7. ❖❖❖ November is the Month of the Poor Souls in Purgatory. Do not forget the Toties Quoties indulgence for the Poor Souls. Each and every time a visit to a Church or Chapel is made during the time between 12:00 Noon of All Saints Day and midnight of All Souls Day, reciting the usual 5 *Our Fathers* and 5 *Hail Marys* and 5 *Glory Be's*, with an added one of each for the intention of the Pontiff, one gains a plenary indulgence for the Poor Souls. Where it is impossible to enter a Church or Chapel, one's Home Chapel can with right and safe reason be used, leaving it up to God to decide whether or not the indulgence is thereby gained.
8. Wednesday, October 31, 2007, is the Vigil of All Saints. *May everyone have a safe and happy Halloween!*
9. Thursday, November 1, 2007, is the Feast of All Saints, and is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses in the Abbey Church will be at 6:00 AM, 8:00 AM, and 7:00 PM.
10. N.B.: This Thursday is also the first Thursday of November; however, *there will be NO First Thursday Holy Hour or Benediction this Month*, due to the All Saints Day observances this Thursday.
11. Friday, November 2, 2007, is the Commemoration of All Souls. It is NOT a Holyday of Obligation. **Masses in the Abbey Church will be at 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM ONLY. NB: the 8:00 AM Mass will be a High Mass.**
12. This Friday, All Souls Day, at 3:00 PM at the Abbey Church, we will have our All Souls Day procession to the Cemetery, weather permitting.
13. N.B.: This Friday is also the first Friday of November; however, *there will be NO all-day Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament*, due to the All Saints Day observances this Friday.
14. Saturday, November 3, 2007, is the First Saturday of November, with Masses in the Abbey Church at 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM.
15. **NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2007, DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS. SET CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR.**
16. **Please return your Holy Souls envelopes before next Sunday (November 1, 2007).**
17. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels. LET US ALSO PRAY FOR EVERYONE.
18. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)**

SUNDAY:	Welfare of our Abbey of Christ the King (<i>Feast of Christ the King</i>)
MONDAY:	For the people of our Chapels
TUESDAY:	Special intention of Mary Brueggemann
WEDNESDAY:	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
THURSDAY:	Welfare of our Monks, Nuns, and Oblates (<i>All Saints Day</i>)
FRIDAY:	Deceased Family Members of our Monks, Nuns, and Oblates (<i>All Souls Day</i>)
SATURDAY:	Special intention Paul Roy Family

N.B.: Next Sunday, November 4, 2007, our Novices will be making their Triennial Vows in the Abbey Church during the 10:00 AM Mass. Therefore, the Mass in Montgomery for the Month of November will be on the second Sunday of November, November 11, 2007. **THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT SAINT PIUS V CHAPEL IN BIRMINGHAM NEXT SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 4, 2007), NOR ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2007.**

† Consecration Of The Human Race To The Sacred Heart Of Jesus †

Most Sweet Jesus, Redeemer of the human race, look down upon us humbly prostrate before Thy Altar. We are Thine and Thine we wish to be; but to be more surely united with Thee, behold, each one of us freely consecrates himself today to Thy Most Sacred Heart. Many indeed have never known Thee; many too, despising Thy precepts, have rejected Thee. Have mercy on them all, most merciful Jesus, and draw them to Thy Sacred Heart. Be Thou King, O Lord, not only of the faithful who have never forsaken Thee, but also of the prodigal children who have abandoned Thee; grant that they may quickly return to their Father's House, lest they die of wretchedness and hunger. Be Thou King of those who are deceived by erroneous opinions, or whom discord keeps aloof, and call them back to the harbor of truth and unity of faith, so that soon there may be but one flock and one Shepherd. Be Thou King of all those who are still involved in the darkness of idolatry or of Islamism, and refuse not to draw them all into the Light and Kingdom of God. Turn Thine eyes of mercy towards the children of that race, once Thy chosen people. Of old they called down upon themselves the Blood of the Savior; may it now descend upon them a laver of redemption and of life. Grant, O Lord, to Thy Church assurance of freedom and immunity from harm; give peace and order to all nations, and make the earth resound from pole to pole with one cry: Praise to the Divine Heart that wrought our salvation; to It be glory and honor forever. *Amen.*

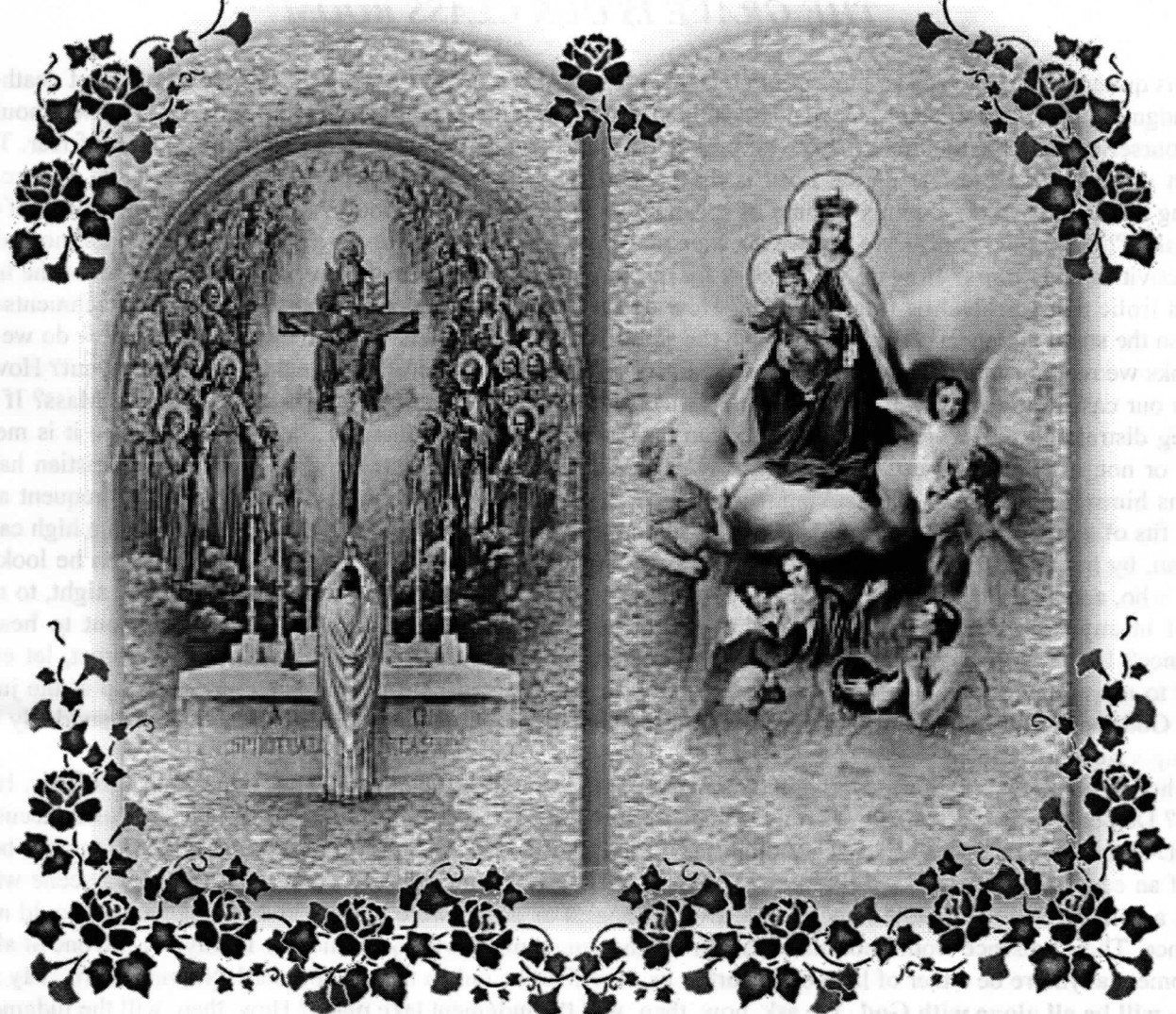
Allhallows Eve - Halloween - Eve of All Saints

All Saint Day

Tuesday, November 1, 2007

All Souls Day

Wednesday, November 2, 2007



HEROIC ACT OF CHARITY FOR THE POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY

The Faithful are encouraged to make this most wonderful promise, intended for the welfare of the Souls in Purgatory. It is certainly not a matter of obligation, and if the offering is made, it must be made freely, privately, and without show. It is an act of TOTAL giving of every personal propitiatory benefit, whether personally earned or received as a gift from others – DURING ONE'S LIFETIME, AND AFTER DEATH AS WELL! NOTHING is reserved for one's own benefit.

"If a man devotes his life to working either directly or indirectly for the salvation of souls, and reaches such a degree of detachment from self that without neglecting his own perfection he leaves to others the merit of his actions, prayers, and suffering ... that man draws down abundant graces on the world ... he himself reaches a high degree of sanctity, far higher than he would have attained had he sought only his own advancement."
(Words of Our Lord Himself to Sister Josefa Menéndez, in *The Way of Divine Love*)

The faithful who make the Heroic Act of Charity for the Poor Souls in Purgatory, may gain a PLENARY INDULGENCE, applicable only to the dead, on any day they (1) attend Mass, (2) receive Holy Communion, (3) pray for the intentions of the Sovereign Pontiff, and (4) make a good confession often.

Heroic Act of Charity for the Poor Souls:

O my God, in union with the merits of Jesus and Mary, I offer Thee, for the Souls in Purgatory, all my propitiatory works, and all those which others may apply to me during my life or after my death. I beseech Thee, O my God, to accept this offering, for Thy honor and for the salvation of my soul. Amen.

November - Month of the Poor Souls

DEATH IS OUR PROFESSOR THE GRAVE IS OUR CLASS ROOM

It is quite unfortunate and to our definite disadvantage that we shy away from all conversation about death and the final judgment that follows death. Our understanding of death and judgment is critically important and we should come to ask ourselves why the thought of death and the horrifying judgment picture should be such a cause of fear. To begin with let us know that the fear of the Lord is the beginning if the beginning of wisdom. Many of us go through life claiming that we love God, but in a manner of speaking do we actually love God? What exactly is the quality of the love we speak of? If we love Him as we say we do, then how do we account for our forgetfulness of Him in almost all of our daily activities and affairs? How do we account for our innumerable follies and pleasure seeking and all of the improper fun and frolic that surround us from all sides? How do we explain our littleness and our love and attachments that we waste on the small and mean things of life – all the small and useless objects we seek day after day? How do we explain the books we read, or the movies we view, or the internet findings we carefully and painstakingly seek out? How do we explain our casual attitude toward our religious duties and obligations, especially attendance at Holy Mass? If there is anything distressing in a Christian's life, one who professes to be a Christian – a Catholic Christian – it is meanness. Like it or not, a Christian – a Catholic Christian – stands on a rather elevated platform. When a Christian habitually demeans himself by constant self-seeking, by self-love, by self-convenience, by self-indulgence, by frequent attention getting fits of temper, and all the rest, the Christian shirks everything noble and healthy for one of such a high calling. A Christian, by his very name, professes to reflect Christ, but how often it is that he does not, and when he looks in the mirror, who, actually, does he see? It is a shame and a very disappointing sight, really a very loathing sight, to see such conduct in anyone who claims that he loves God! Is this not a mockery, a mockery that cries out to heaven for vengeance? Is this not a mockery that will, eventually, receive vengeance? To be sure! Lest we forget, let everyone subject to moral deterioration be concerned as to how such a life of deceitful “goodness” measure up at the judgment seat of God, where all things and all moods and all falsehood and all cunning and all seduction will suddenly become most important and serious!

Who, do we think, will be present at the moment of judgment besides our Supreme Judge, God Almighty, Himself? Angels? Demons? Friends? Parents? Family? Business associates? Anyone at all – either pleading for us or accusing us? NOBODY? NOBODY AT ALL! Even though the Blood of Life will be open before us, with the Judgment be in the form of an earthly court trial – with witnesses? Not at all likely! We mistakenly fancy such a scene, a scene where we present a defense, but this is idle imagination. Even if angels or devils were present at our judgment it would make no difference. Their presence would not matter at all. Neither angel nor devil nor friend nor family nor anyone at all can at that moment anymore be either of help or of hurt to us. It will all be only a matter of record. Nothing more. **My soul – I – ME – will be all alone with God.** We ask, how, then, will the judgment take place? How, then, will the judgment take place? We can only guess.

For a moment let us contemplate. Let us to up a high hill and stand there just before a thunder storm. The atmosphere is oppressive and gloomy. The valley below is all black and foggy. The entire landscape completely shrouded in darkness. Suddenly, from out of the darkness there leaps a single flash, it lights up in an instant the hill and valley, and all things there about. It was all gone just as soon as it came. In one electrical stroke everything came into mysterious view. Maybe our judgment will be something like that. In the flash of an instant we will see all the ups and downs of our entire lives. Everything will come into view!

Our time of power over our actions comes to an end at the instant of death. At such times when we think of death and judgment we panic, and turn quickly to whatever may be of help. Some of us turn, even, to the thoughts of the long gone practice of sackcloth and ashes; a practice of earlier times no longer observed or understood generally. However a serious penitent, filled with the enormity of his sin and with the fear of God will seek out the next best remedy and work to apply it with committed determination. This determination cannot be fleeting or it means nothing. Repentance means a complete change in attitude. Repentance means the full force of the CONVERSIO. Some scoff at the thought of sackcloth, even in the abstract. It if takes contemplation of a life of sackcloth and ashes to keep a soul out of hell, then such a soul would be a perfect fool to consider such a practice a silly medieval fanaticism!

Let us keep this thought in mind. If one goes to hell it is because he has put himself in hell. If one does not go to hell it is because he did not put himself in hell, but in heaven! If we live out our lives according to the holy expectations of God, we have no reason to fear either death or judgment. A good man who lives with the love of God in his heart has a right to a holy and happy death and a pleasing and delightful judgment. Fear not, go forth, and sin no more. Thy faith has saved thee!