

# Christ the King Abbey

(Traditional Benedictines)  
( Formerly St Francis of Assisi Chapel)  
[www.ChristTheKingAbbey.org](http://www.ChristTheKingAbbey.org)  
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

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## OF SATAN AND HIS POMPS AND WORKS

God often allows trials of every kind to rain down upon us, even on those who desire true holiness and sanctity. Temptations against faith; temptations against purity; temptations against hope; temptations against truthfulness and honesty; temptations against the importance of prayer; feelings of pride; feelings of hatred against God against the goodness of God; feelings of anger; all such like are but some of the problems suffered by those of us who desire a life of holiness. There are few saints in whose lives the rage of Satan is not apparent. Our Blessed Lord in all of His glory in Heaven is beyond the reach of Satan. The devil is a personal enemy of Christ and he spares no effort to hurt and bring destruction to all souls, especially God's elect of the true faith. Satan's greatest ambition and delight is to snatch souls away from Christ. Satan knows the extent of the love that Christ has for all souls, and his chief ambition is to take as many as possible away from Him. The love of God – Christ – for all souls is beyond human understanding. Christ's life on earth bears clear witness to this one fact. God did not create man and place him on earth simply to lose him to Satan for all eternity! God created man because He desires man to be with Him in heaven for all eternity, and God will do everything in His power, short of destroying man's free will, to save his children from destruction and hell. The perverse hope of Satan is to snatch from Christ the souls He loves and for whom He paid so high a price in the shedding of His Most Precious Blood. All hell shrieks with glee every time another soul enters through the gates of Hell!

When a man consents to sin, he gives the devil great power over him, whether he is conscious of it or not. The sinner gives the devil the power to seduce him. A sinning man actually places himself in the possession of Satan. As a rule, this is not at first very noticeable, and the process starts out very gradually and with tiny and insignificant infractions. In the smallest matters, man – weak man – begins the maneuvers and the manipulations which “certainly” are not sinful – little things!

The devil excels in dissimulation, and with satanic cleverness he gradually prepares the unsuspecting soul for more and greater opportunities for greater sins and faults. He avoids disturbing those souls he believes he already has in his net; rather, life for these souls gives the appearance of being easier. With one he is not certain of, he strengthens little by little what is evil in him, and multiplies temptations and occasions of sin. He benumbs the soul. He benumbs the soul to such an extent that little by little without noticing it, that soul sinks into a state of torpor which is absolutely fatal. The devil never fails to show himself in the undisguised perversity of his vicious and corrupt nature. He never gives up, even to the very last and most important moment – the moment of death.

With great evidence the perversity of Satan is everywhere to be found. Today this perversity is in greater evidence than ever, and the instrument he now uses in order to thwart the spread of God's Kingdom on earth and to win souls for himself is the computer (internet, chat rooms, e-mail, computer games, etc). Indeed, the computer when used properly is a worthwhile instrument for learning and research and business transactions, etc. In itself it is not essentially evil. However, when not under responsible control, absolutely anyone, whether of good intention or bad, regardless of age, has free access to all the deadly dangers made readily available by the computer. Good is only a push button away. **Evil is only a push button away!** It is a well known fact that the computer is very addictive to the majority of people, both for the young and for the older (who should be responsible and mature). For those inclined to evil and all the functions of evil, the computer is a very handy gadget. What a heartbreaking sadness it is to find even old men and old women partaking of the toxic fumes of all of the world's evil. People, children as well as their elders who wear the robes of “mature respectability,” waste many useless and unprofitable hours at the keyboard of the computer and think nothing of it. Even until the wee hours of the night they stay glued to the computer playing endless games, swapping jokes, gossip, and inane chit-chat, or absorbing whatever good or bad the world at large has to offer, communicating with the unknown riff-raff of the entire world and filling their minds with useless “knowledge” under the excuse of searching for valuable information. No healthy religious, educational, cultural, or disciplinary formation or purpose is fulfilled by this useless and immature waste of precious time. Why is the computer so much more enticing and addictive than even the late-late show? **WHERE IS GOD IN ALL OF THIS?** (Continued on page two)

We must, all of us, conscientiously and honestly avoid the entanglements of evil so freely supplied by way of the internet and anonymous e-mails from "Frankie" and "Susie." Just who on earth are "Frankie" and "Susie." Yet, what "Frankie" and "Susie" say is read by people all over the world, and for too many automatically becomes gospel. And what "Frankie" and "Susie" say forms erroneous points of view and distorts truth completely, and is often a serious occasion of sin. **Lonely souls, both young and old, without learning or moral responsibility, fill the networks with the wastes of hell!**

Even in matters of religion – traditional matters of religion especially – why do we allow the entire Roman Catholic traditional concern and effort to be tainted by the murky swamp waters of unrest, controversy, debate, argument, suspicion, and false information? **Why is it so vitally necessary to go roaming around hazardous wastes searching for "information" which is totally unnecessary?** All such searching only serves the purpose of satisfying our morose and idle curiosity. Why do we have to know everything that is going everywhere? We are not asked to understand, we are asked to **BELIEVE**. Everyone who is honest of mind and soul should work to put a stop to such soul-rocking activity.

At least let all of us who claim to be keepers of the true faith work together in a concerted effort to stop the plague of evil that is sweeping over the earth. This will **not** be accomplished by preaching and proving. The work of reconstruction must begin with each individual who is reading this paper. Rather, we must be people of God, honest people, who turn to prayer – persevering prayer – in true converse with God and His most Blessed Mother; people of true penance and mortification and determined modesty of the eyes and ears and tongue. We fervently ask Jesus to come to us and show His Face to us, but, just as happened years ago, He is here now, and He walks all the streets of our world now, and He speaks to us now, yet **NOBODY** sees Him or hears Him or comprehends Him. And so the world continues its program of fun and frolic and carefree spending as it rushes toward its own destruction.

**No matter the degree of "success" we may have reached in this present life, if we lose our souls we are utter failures.** We are all called to be saints. Our only and principal work is to become saints. Let us flee from all unnecessary and useless contacts which serve only to distract us from our principal aim in life. ☐

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 in the Abbey Church this afternoon.
3. **N.B.:** Next Sunday, November 18, 2007, after the 10:00 AM Mass in the Abbey Church, Father Prior will have the "Renewal of Oblation" for our Benedictine Oblates.
4. Tuesday, November 13, 2007, is the Feast of all the Benedictine Saints.
5. Wednesday, November 14, 2007, is the Commendation of all the Benedictine Faithful Departed.
6. Saturday, November 17, 2007, is the Feast of Saint Gertrude the Great.
7. The 2008 Traditional Catholic Calendars are now available (only to the people who attend our Chapels). The price is \$8.00 each. We ask only what we have to pay for them. 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.
8. **EARLY NOTICE:** Thursday, November 22, 2007, is Thanksgiving Day. Because of the many leftovers of the Thanksgiving meal, the day after Thanksgiving, a Friday, by long established Church custom, is **NOT** a day of abstinence, **and meat of any form may be eaten at all meals on that day.**
9. **N.B.:** **Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel in Montgomery ONLY** — The Advent Blessing of Bread Ceremony will take place after Mass on the **FIRST Sunday of Advent** — the first Sunday of December (December 2, 2007).
10. 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.** God made all men to be with Him in heaven for all eternity, and this includes every human being on earth, regardless of station or condition or place.
11. **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: For Nathaniel Peters
  - WEDNESDAY: Deceased Bill Barnes
  - THURSDAY: Deceased Loretta Nollet
  - FRIDAY: Welfare of Loretta Davis
  - SATURDAY: Deceased Anna Rita Huelskamp

### *A Thought To Remember ...*

**"Too long hast Thou been silent, O Lord Jesus, and very much too long;  
begin now at last to speak." *Saint Bernard***