

Christ the King Abbey

(Traditional Benedictines)
(Formerly St Francis of Assisi Chapel)
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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday

December 16, 2007 – Purple / Rose

Mass of Sunday; no Gl; Cr; Pref. Holy Trinity

THE HOLY SEASON OF ADVENT

The Third Sunday of Advent

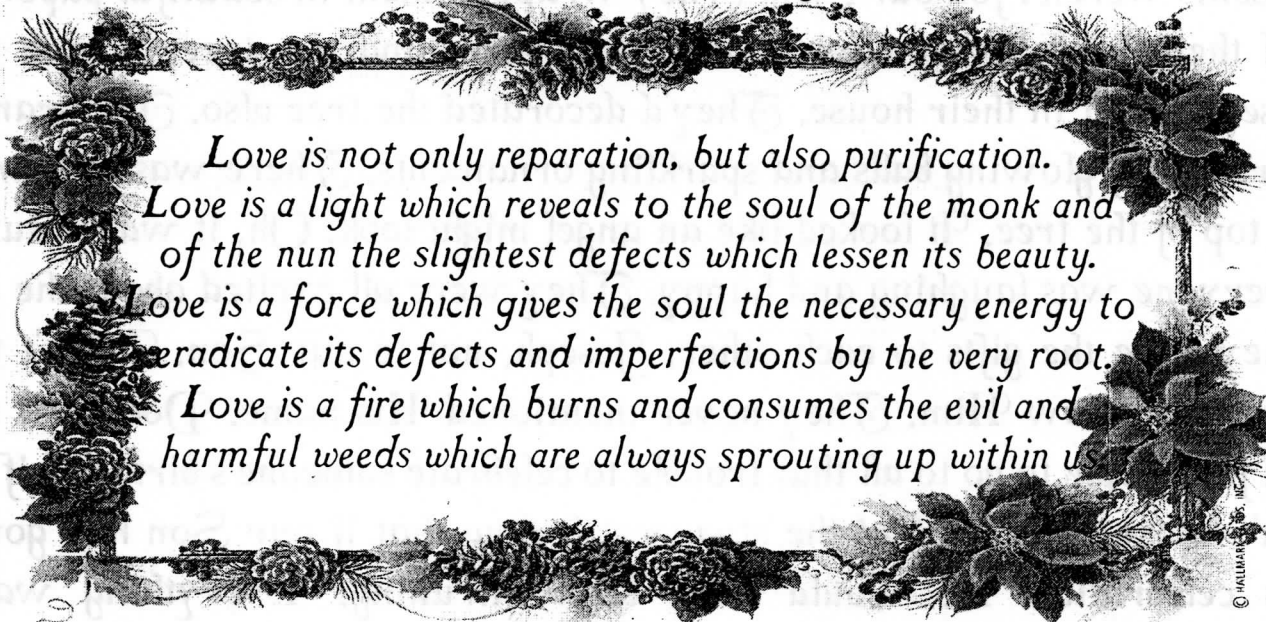
Rose Sunday

What have I given to my Lord for all He has given to me?

“I had a dream, Joseph. I don’t understand it, not really, but I think it was about a birthday celebration for our Son. I think that was what it was all about. The people had been preparing for it for about six weeks. They had decorated the house and bought new clothes. They’d gone shopping many times and bought elaborate gifts. It was peculiar, though, because the presents weren’t for our Son. They wrapped them in beautiful paper and tied them with lovely bows and stacked them under a tree. Yes, a tree, Joseph, right in their house. They’d decorated the tree also. The branches were full of glowing balls and sparkling ornaments. There was a figure on the top of the tree. It looked like an angel might look. Oh, it was beautiful. Everyone was laughing and happy. They were all excited about the gifts. They gave the gifts to each other, Joseph, not to our Son. I don’t think they even knew Him. They never mentioned His name. Doesn’t it seem odd for people to go to all that trouble to celebrate someone’s birthday if they don’t know Him? I had the strangest feeling that if our Son had gone to this celebration He would have been intruding. Everything was so beautiful, Joseph, and everyone so happy, but it made me want to cry. How sad for Jesus – not to be wanted at His own birthday party. I’m glad it was only a dream. How terrible, Joseph, if it had been real.”

(Author Unknown)

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. Wednesday, December 19, Friday, December 21, and Saturday, December 22, 2007, are the Winter Ember Days, and are days of Fast and Abstinence. Meat may be eaten **ONCE (only)** on Wednesday and Saturday at the main meal.
4. Friday, December 21, 2007, is also the Feast of Saint Thomas the Apostle.
5. **N.B.:** Do not forget the Blessing of Bread Ceremony scheduled for after the 10:00 AM Mass in the Abbey Church next Sunday (the Fourth Sunday of Advent).
6. The 2008 Traditional Catholic Calendars are available at \$8.00 each (only to the people who attend our Chapels). 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.
7. **Early Notice:** Monday, December 24, 2007, is the Vigil of Christmas and is a day of fast and abstinence.
8. **Early Notice:** Tuesday, January 1, 2008 (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, 2008, will be ONLY at 6:00 AM and 10:00 AM.**
9. 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. While Our Blessed Lord was hanging on the Cross He did not look around and pick and choose those for whom He was dying. He did not exclude a single member of the Human Race – even His enemies – from the wounded Love that came forth from Him during those momentous moments. Weak human nature and erroneous persuasions will prevent some from achieving the purpose intended for them by God, but that matter remains entirely between all such and God. Our only duty is to pray for **souls**. We make **no** judgments concerning such matters. If there is any sifting to be done, it is to be done by God, Himself alone. **We are NOT** the ones to do the sifting.
10. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)
 - SUNDAY: For the monks of Christ the King Abbey
 - MONDAY: For the people of our Chapels
 - TUESDAY: For Father Joseph Sanchez, OFM
 - WEDNESDAY: For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
 - THURSDAY: Deceased Sister Regina Campbell, OSB
 - FRIDAY: Special intention of Pattie Cimaglia
 - SATURDAY: Deceased John and Grace Giardina (*Wedding Anniversary*)



*Love is not only reparation, but also purification.
 Love is a light which reveals to the soul of the monk and
 of the nun the slightest defects which lessen its beauty.
 Love is a force which gives the soul the necessary energy to
 eradicate its defects and imperfections by the very root.
 Love is a fire which burns and consumes the evil and
 harmful weeds which are always sprouting up within us.*

A Thought To Remember ...

It is a horrible blasphemy to say that God, Who is Justice itself, could condemn a soul to hell without its having merited such condemnation. It is not God Who condemns the soul of man. It is the soul of man itself which, by its final freewill choice of rebellion, persists for all eternity in its impotent resistance to its Creator.

(Abbot Marmion)

ADVENT WREATH BLESSING
Third Sunday in Advent – Gaudete Sunday

All: The Lamb descends from heaven above,
To pardon sin with freest love;
For such indulgent mercy shewn,
With tearful joy our thanks we own.

Priest: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your
modesty be known to all men; for the Lord is nigh. Be nothing
solicitous; but in everything by prayer let your requests be made
known to God.

Priest: V. Thou O Lord, that sittest upon the Cherubim, stir up Thy might,
and come.

People: R. Give ear, O Thou that ledest Joseph like a sheep.

Priest: V. Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

People: R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.

Priest: LET US PRAY: Grant us, we beseech Thee, O lord, that the
coming solemnity of our redemption may both bring us help for
our present life, and bestow on us the rewards of everlasting
blessedness. Through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen. (Priest lights third – rose colored – candle)

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 25, 2007

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 Elizabeth Smith will carry the Baby
Jesus and place Him in the Crib during the
Christmas Eve Midnight Mass this year.

Hymn for the Third Sunday of Advent

Sung after the 10:00 AM Mass – all please stand

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



5. O come now, Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen
6. O come now, Day - spring from on high, And cheer us

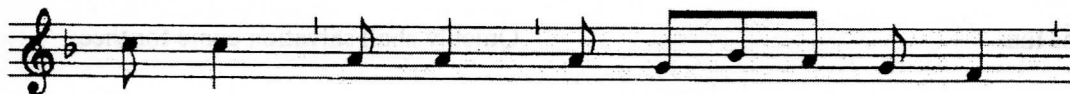


5. wide our heaven - ly home; Make safe the way that
6. by your draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the clouds of



5. sets us free, And close the path to mis - er - y.
6. lower - ing night, And death's dark shad - ow put to flight.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

Rorate Cæli (Drop Down Dews From Heaven)

*This was once the cry of our desolate forefathers!
Is it not the same cry that comes from a desolate people today?*

(At the Offertory, please be seated and meditate on this prayer as the chanters sing it.)

Rorate Cæli désuper, et nubes plúant jústum.	Drop down ye dewes from the heavens above, and let the clouds rain down the just One!
Ne irascáris, Dómine, ne ultra memíneris iniquitátis: ecce cívitas Sáncti fácta est desérta: Síon desérta fácta est: Jerúsalem desoláta est: dómus sanctificatiónis túæ et glóriæ túæ, ubi laudavérunt te pátres nóstri. <i>Rorate Cæli ...</i>	Be not angry, Lord, no longer remember our iniquity. Behold the city of the Holy One has become a desert; Sion has become a desert; Jerusalem is desolate; a house hallowed by Thee and glorious for Thee; where once praise was given to Thee by our fathers. <i>Drop down ...</i>
Peccávimus , et fácti súmus tamquam immúndus nos, et cecídimus quasi fólium univérsi: et iniquitátes nóstræ quasi véntus abstulérunt nos: abscondísti fáciem túam a nóbis, et allisísti nos in mánu iniquitátis nóstræ. <i>Rorate Cæli ...</i>	We have sinned and have even become like the unclean, and all of us have fallen like a leaf; and like the wind our iniquities have carried us away; Thou hast hidden Thy Face from us, and because of our wickedness Thou hast crushed us. <i>Drop down ...</i>
Vide , Dómine, afflictiónem pópuli túi, et mítte quem missúrus es: emítte Agnum dominatórem térræ, de Pétra desérta ad móntem fíliæ Síon: ut áuferat ípse júgum captivitátis nóstræ. <i>Rorate Cæli ...</i>	See , Lord, the affliction of the people that are Thine, and send Him Whom Thou wilt send; send forth the Lamb, the ruler of earth, from the rock in the desert to the mount of the daughter of Sion; that He, Himself, may remove the yoke of this captivity of ours. <i>Drop down ...</i>
Consolámmini , consolámmini, pópule méus: cító véniet sálus túa: quare mæróre consúmeris, quia innovávit te dólór? Salvábo te, nóli timére. Égo enim sum Dóminus Déus túus, Sánctus Israël, Redémptor túus. <i>Rorate Cæli ...</i>	Be comforted, be comforted, My people. Quickly shall salvation come for thee; why art thou consumed with grief because fresh sorrow hath new hold on thee? I will save thee, do not fear. I, indeed, am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer. <i>Drop down ...</i>