

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

February 24, 2008 – Purple

Mass of Sunday; no Gl; Cr; Pref. Lent

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Lent

“INDEED THIS MAN WAS THE SON OF GOD!”

This is indeed a serious testimony. It is a testimony that was authenticated and borne out by heaven and earth and by hell itself. It was confirmed by the Angels singing in the midnight sky over Bethlehem. It was verified by the star that led wise and well-instructed men to His feet. The testimony was pronounced by the Voice at His Baptism; by the winds and the waves of the stormy sea; by the earth that gave up its dead at His word and by the very earth that shuddered beneath His Cross. It is a testimony of prophecy, of His teaching, of His miracles, of His Resurrection and Ascension, and of His divinely beautiful character. It is the testimony of all those who hated him – and of those who continue to hate Him – unto death. **It is the testimony of the very devils themselves.** It is the testimony of all who in every age have loved Him and laid down their lives for Him with joy and peace of heart and mind. It is the testimony of His true Church – which He Himself unquestionably established – and which He promised to protect and to maintain to the end of time; all heresy, all failings and sin, all unfaithfulness on the part of those committed to faithfulness, all erroneous teachings, all hatred of **truth** (the foundation of the entire structure), to the contrary notwithstanding!

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Writing to his converts at Ephesus, St. Paul urged them to hold fast the faith they had received. He warned them to beware of the false teachers who were to come among them. As the soldiers of his time ward off the enemy’s arrows by a shield that covered them from head to foot, so were the new and holy Christians to “take the shield of faith wherewith to extinguish all the fiery darts of the most wicked one.”

To all of us – children of the “most wonderful” Third Millennium, of the “most enlightened” period of all time, a new age of peace, joy, happiness, and plenty and fulfillment – St. Paul might well give the same solemn charge. There are men in these days, men found in the most unexpected places, men of “high calling,” “defenders of the faith”, men in places of the highest learning who are trying to undo all that Jesus Christ has done, who deny whatever in His Life they cannot understand or refuse to accept. They teach their children that such facts as His Resurrection and Ascension could not have happened because they do not see **how** they happened. There are men – in the most unexpected places – places of the highest importance, places where **truth** has been kept for ages in the most secure and indestructible vaults of safety – who now teach that most of all what is located in the those vaults of safety is false, untrue, and the workings of an evil and ill-intentioned race; men who teach that we are now in the most wonderful springtime of the “New Age of Truth”! Is it not wrong and totally iniquitous on the part of anyone – **regardless of who that anyone is** – to rob us and our little ones of the unquestionable truth; to rob us and our little one of our Holy Faith; to distort in our thoughts Him Who died to save us all from sin and destruction and hell!

Most surely, we are a remnant people. More than that, we have been reduced to a **remnant of the remnant people!** The battle is well advanced, and the enemy seems to be in full command. Do not listen to false teaching, or teaching that comes from unqualified teachers, nor such teaching that comes from **anyone** who is constantly wading in the waters of untruth, paganism, atheism, modernism, and false ecumenism. When men, women, religious leaders – anybody or anything; books or newspapers or work-shops or conferences or sermons or the internet or any of all the rest – shake our faith in Jesus Christ, let us recall what St. Paul said, “But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach a gospel to you besides that which we have preached to you, let him be anathema.” Then with the shield of faith, let us cry out with a loud and committed voice, “I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son, Our Lord!”

We must cling to Jesus Christ. Let us allow no one, let us not permit anything, to separate us from Him, Who alone by His Precious Blood can wash away our sins. He alone can comfort us when we are poor, sick, desolate, and frightened! He alone can give us courage in the hour of any trial that buffets us. He alone can give us victory over temptation and help in the awful and the most important and the most dreadful moment of death. When all else deserts us, then will He stand by us and keep us from harm – that is, if we have with sincerity and commitment and honesty and determination clung to Him all the days of our lives as our Savior and our Friend. *(Continued on next page)*