

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

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

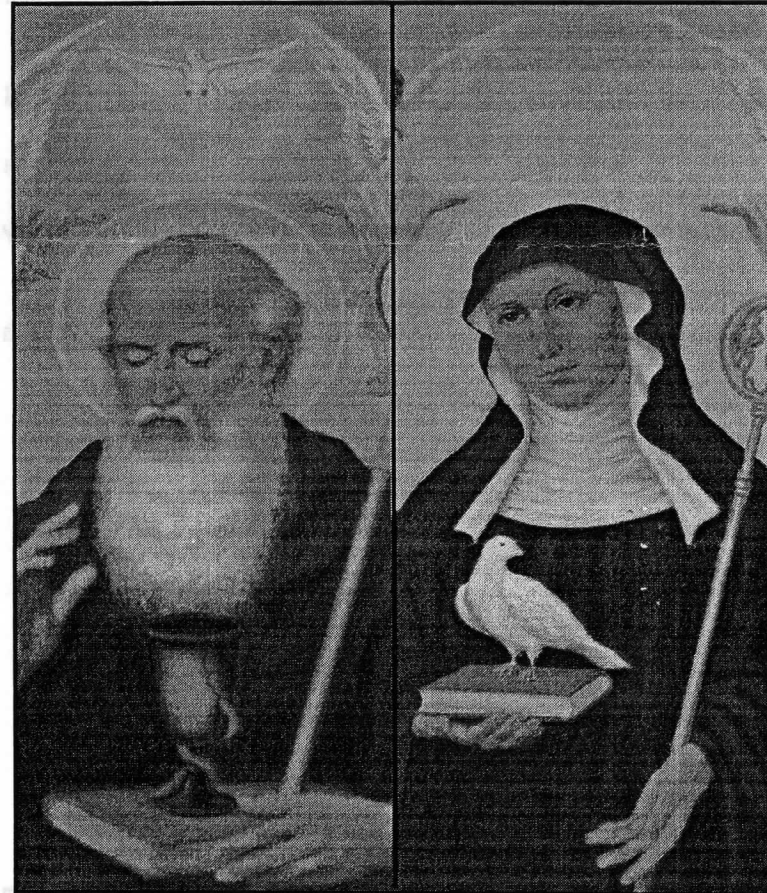
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Mass of Sunday; Gl; Cr; Pref. Easter; comm. St. Peter Canisius

*THIS MORNING, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, MISS VICTORIA (TORI) HENDERSON
WILL BEGIN HER NOVITIATE AS A NOVICE OF SAINT JOSEPH'S CONVENT
PLEASE PRAY FOR MISS HENDERSON AND OUR BELOVED SISTERS*

MOST HOLY FATHER SAINT BENEDICT, PRAY FOR US
MOST HOLY MOTHER SAINT SCHOLASTICA, PRAY FOR US



The young woman, on being called by God to be a nun, leaves all her earthly possessions and attractions. The nun does not care where God takes her, or what God will do with her. She does not care how much she might have to suffer in the company of God. For the nun, her only obsession is to be with God and God alone, and her obsession gives expression in prayer. Nothing else. All other interests or causes or concerns are not proper for the nun, and serve only as distractions. She realizes that all such are the concern of God more than they are hers. Therefore she turns her face toward God, for He alone is her very breath and life. To be with God, to belong only to God, that is enough. And this is the identifying mark of a Benedictine contemplative monk or nun.

Love is not only reparation, but also purification. Love is a light which reveals to the soul of the monk and to the soul of the nun and to the soul of every sincere and committed child of God 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 roots. Love is a fire which burns and consumes the evil and harmful weeds which are always sprouting up within the garden of our souls and which must be eradicated before God comes to walk within that garden.