

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

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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*O Lord, uphold us and
our absent brethren.*

Mass of Sunday; Gl; Cr; Pref. Trinity; comm. Ss. Jerome, Æmilian, Joseph Calasanctius, and John Baptist De La Salle



“TWO MEN WENT UP TO THE TEMPLE TO PRAY”

It is not in human nature to be humble. Humility is only in the nature of those who love and live with God. Pride is such that it can and often does bloom high even in the best of men – men who seem to cultivate humble intentions.

There is no one who can stand before the Infinite God and rightly claim to be anything at all. Not a single one of us, regardless of education or talent or position or power, on his own merits has even the right to speak to God. And until we realize first heart our own **nothingness**, we are really walling ourselves off from God. Our pride is ever so unnoticeably and unperceptively at work on the construction of that wall of separation. With the clearest possible understanding we must realize that the soul of man is absolutely dependent upon God for **everything**. We must fully realize that the soul of man is unable to do anything to save itself except with God's help, and with full cooperation with Gods' help. We must fully realize that for a true Child of God, God is the only fountain of truth and grace and love. God is the only source of salvation, and salvation must be given the highest point of interest and concern possible by mankind. Sadly, this is most often not the case. Sadly, the evil of pride places the importance of man in the here and now over and above the importance of the soul of man in eternity.

It is next to impossible to convince a proud man that he is a proud man. So full of himself is the proud man that he feels he is in nobody's debt. As to any virtue or ability, like the Pharisee in today's Gospel, the proud man will not or simply cannot finally place himself on the same level of imperfection that he measures out to the rest of men. Is it any wonder, then, that God turns His Face from a proud man? God cannot help us as long as we continue to think ourselves capable of attending to our own souls. God cannot help us as long as we continue to consider ourselves God's gift to mankind.

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