

# 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

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 19, 2008 – Green

Mass of Sunday; Gl; Cr; Pref. Trinity;

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

## Our Times

Msgr. Ronald Knox (1888-1957)

*“People today are inclined to be only mildly religious, but Christ intended that His teachings should be an inspiration to live by. Many moderns, however, are merely chewing the cud of Christianity, in which their ancestors (who seemed to be much happier) strongly believed. Lives today are often too crowded with noise and confusion to have room for God, leaving many moderns bewildered. Amid this tangle of daily living, people do not understand that he who does not worship shrinks in soul. It is adoration of God that makes us grow. So today many people have souls the size of a pea. People who frequently push God away from their lives soon come to find that He is not there at all.*

*“Christians today are, for the most part, complacent. And complacency is the assassin of achievement. We seem to struggle all our lives against God - and in doing so we also struggle against our own happiness. Then we wonder why we are miserable. We like to talk religion but not to practice it. It is easy to talk Christianity but hard to put it into practice. So we have this insatiable itch for discussing religion; but our faith is a way of life that must be lived, not a discussion club. Does not all our talk about religion (without putting it into practice) show our sickness? Men do not talk about health when they feel well, only when they are ill.*

*“Rabbi Abraham Joshua Herschel wrote, ‘There can be no religion when man becomes his own god.’ The human soul, like the branch cut off from the vine in the parable of Jesus, withers up and dies when it is cut off from God. Only in God's service is there real beauty and joy. Christianity brings peace of soul - which all men seek - and peace on earth; it provides the soundest basis for reconciliation among men and it is the greatest civilizing force the world has ever known.”*